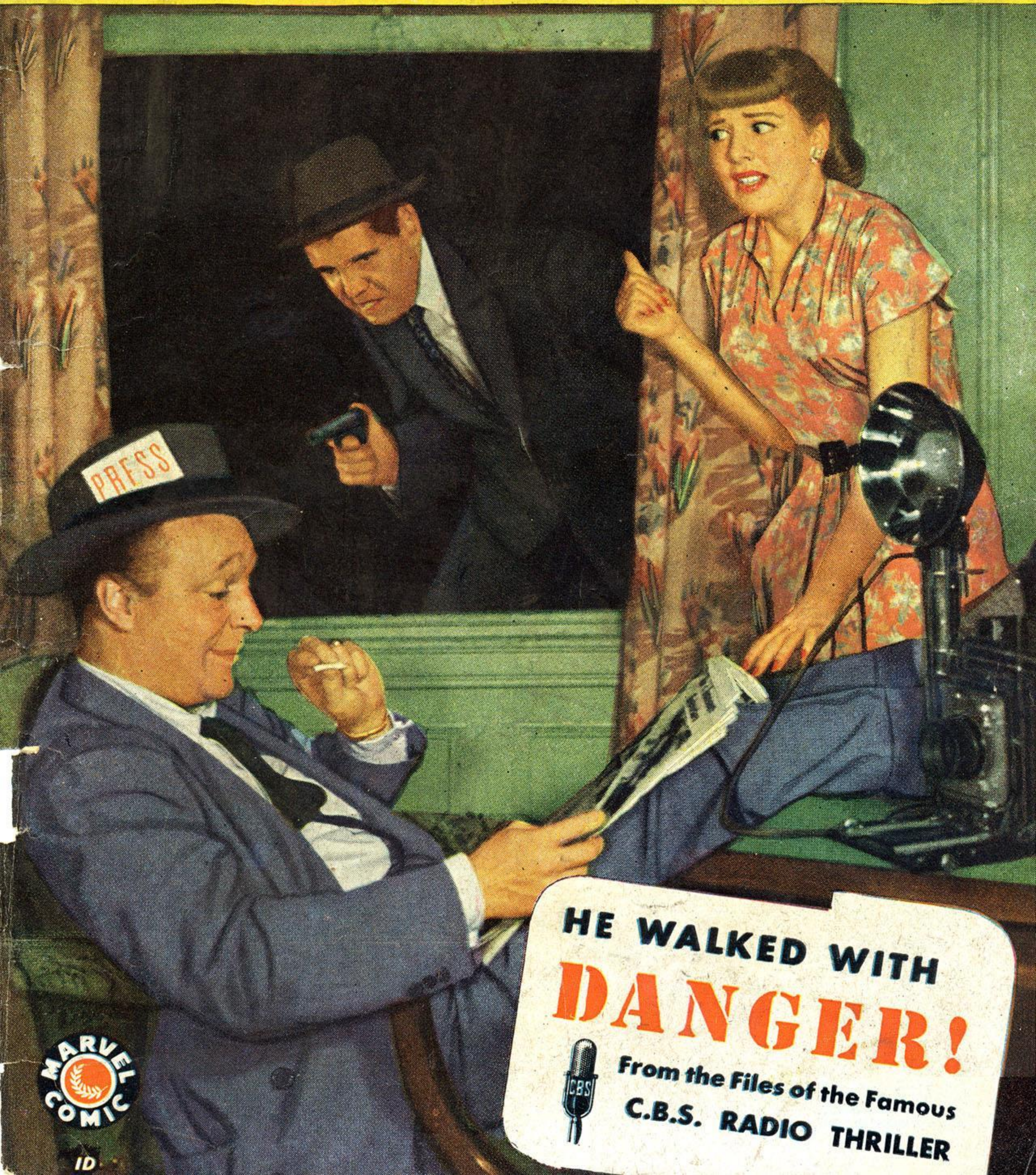


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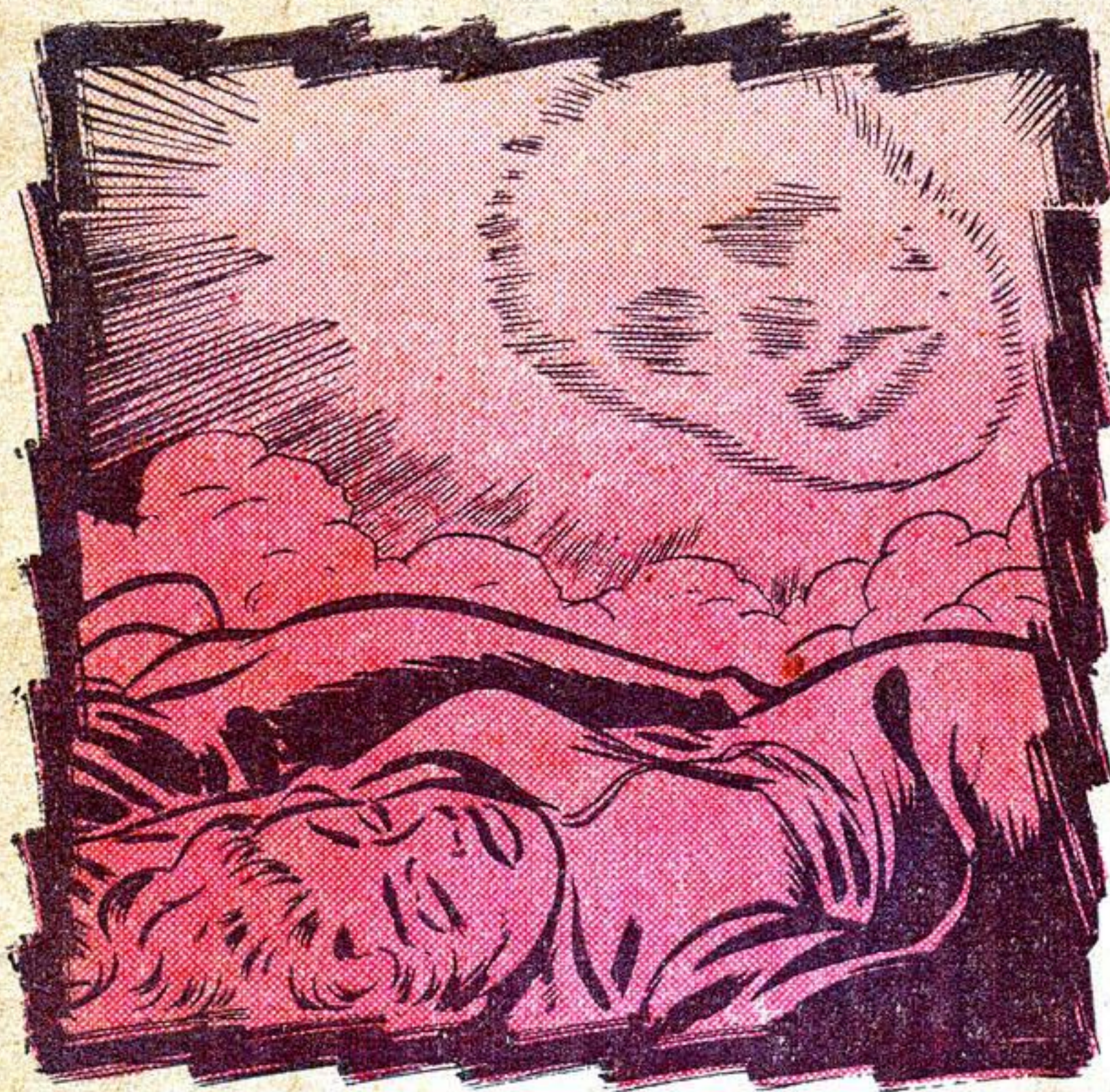
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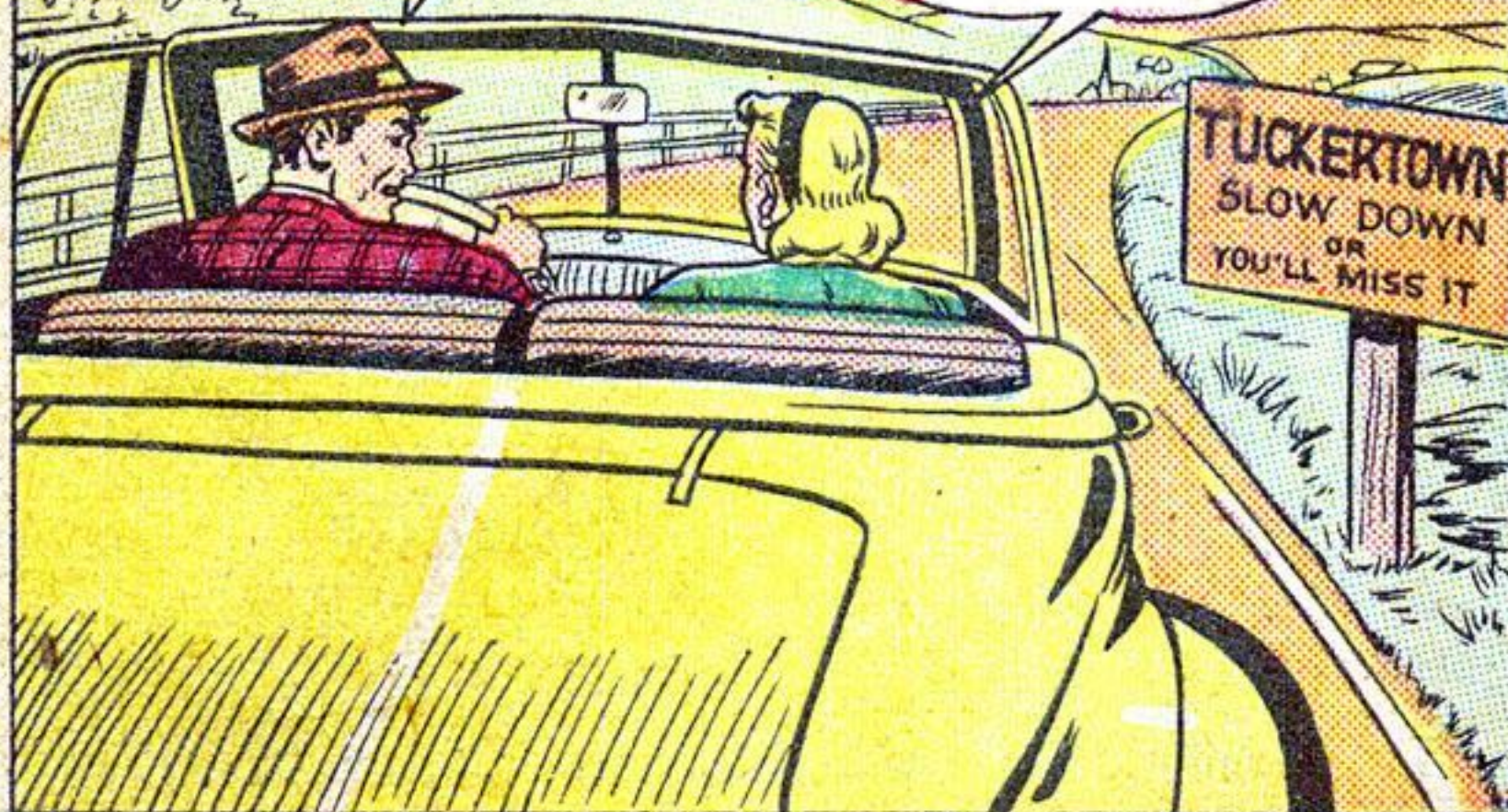
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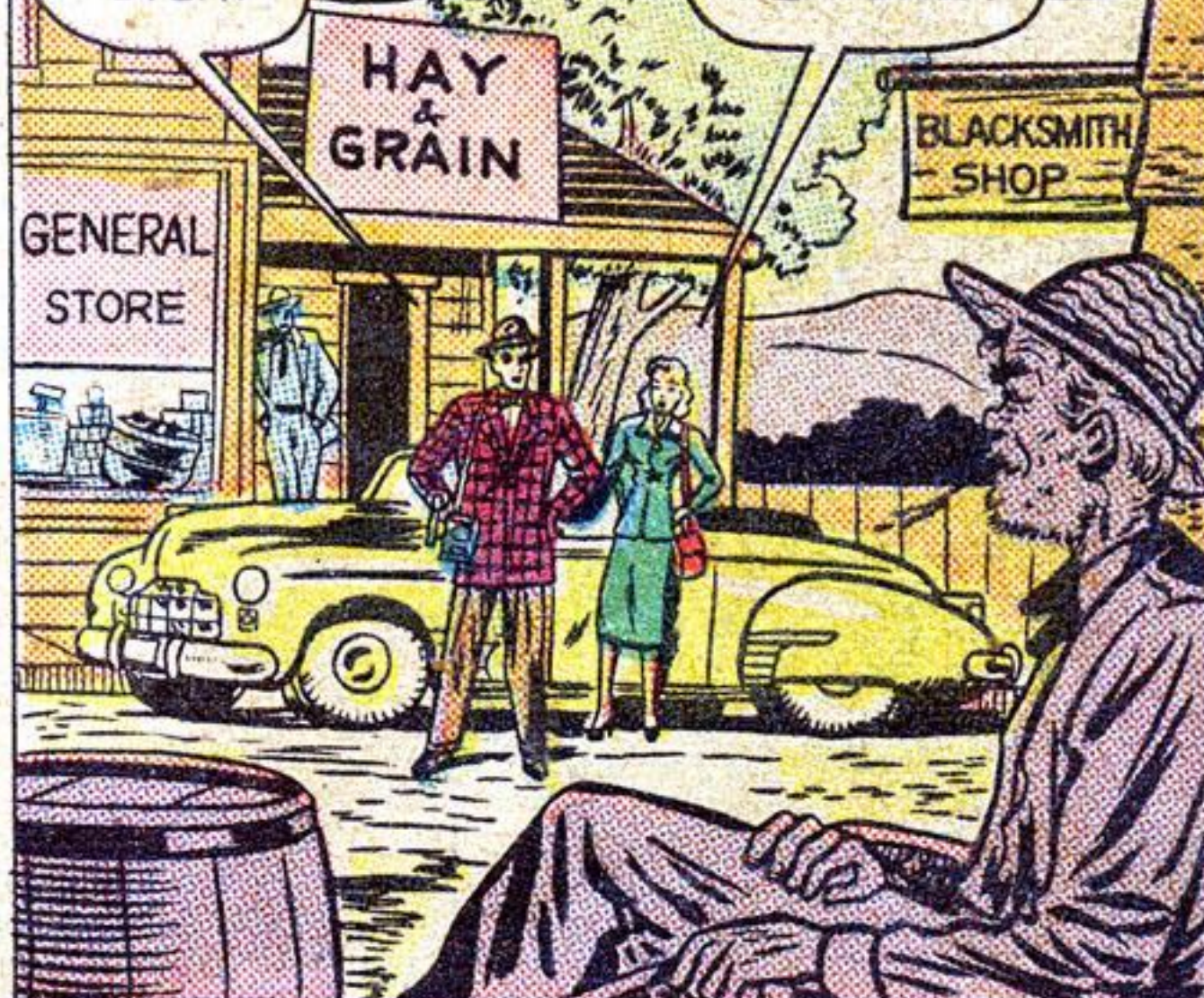
THIS IS WHAT I CALL A SNAP ASSIGNMENT, ANN! TWO DAYS IN THE COUNTRY... AT THE PAPER'S EXPENSE!

I GUESS BURKE'S A SMART EDITOR AFTER ALL, CASEY! HE FIGURED WE NEEDED A REST! ... WELL, HERE'S THE PLACE!



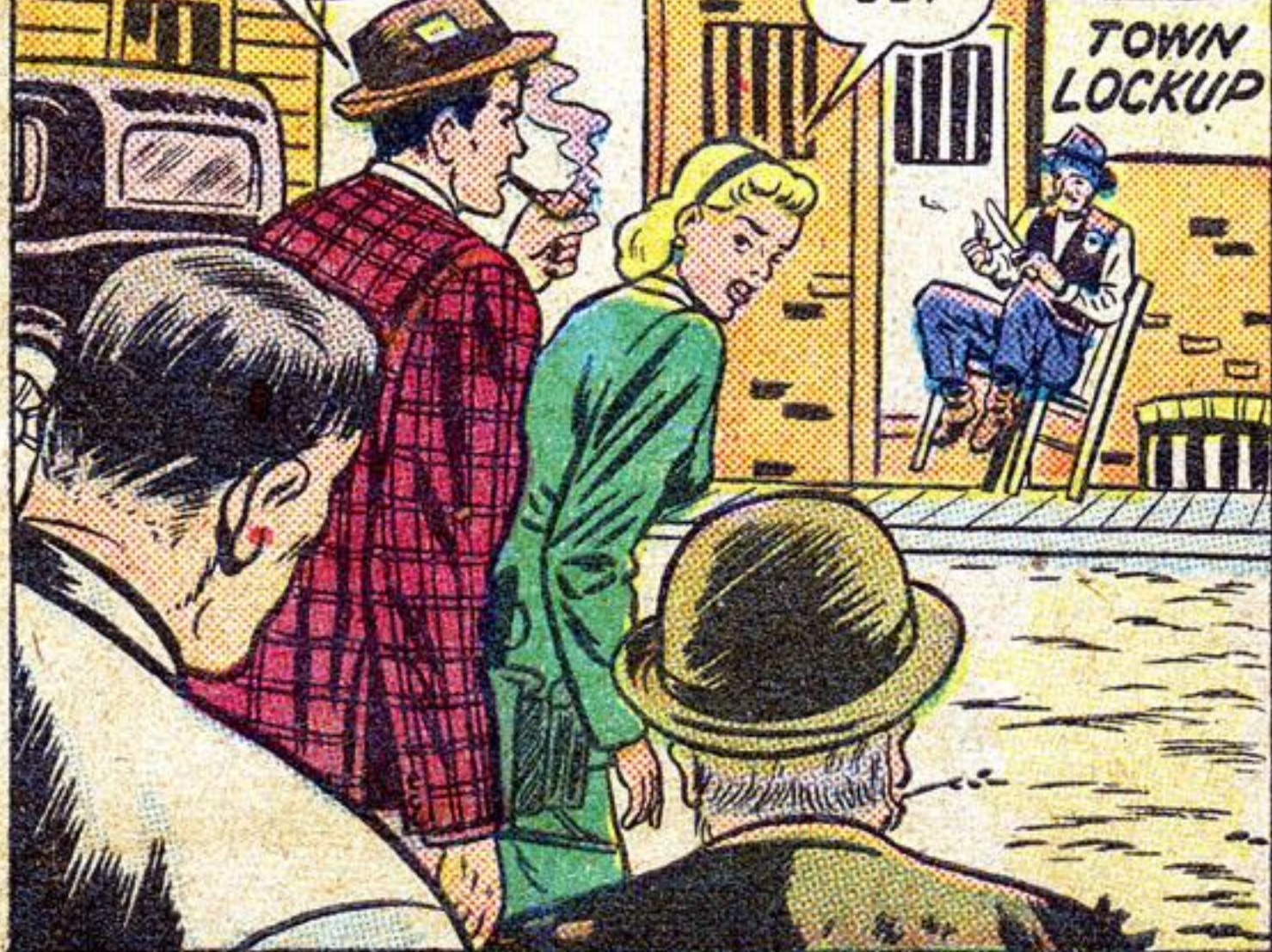
WHAT A LAUGH! IMAGINE BEING SENT WAY OUT HERE TO DO A HAUNTED HOUSE STORY!

I DON'T SUPPOSE ANYBODY BELIEVES IN SPOOKS ANY MORE... BUT IT ALWAYS MAKES A GOOD SUNDAY FEATURE!



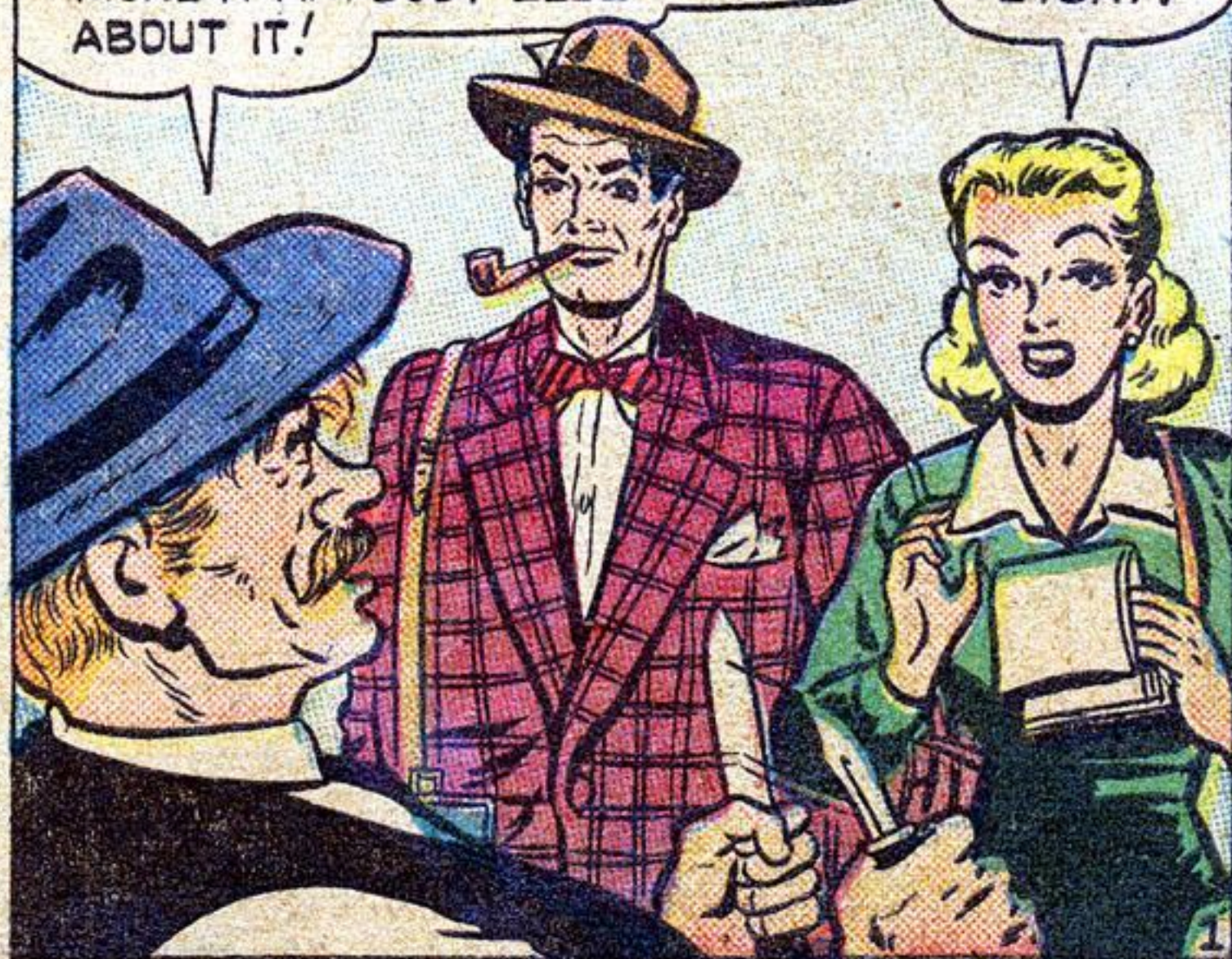
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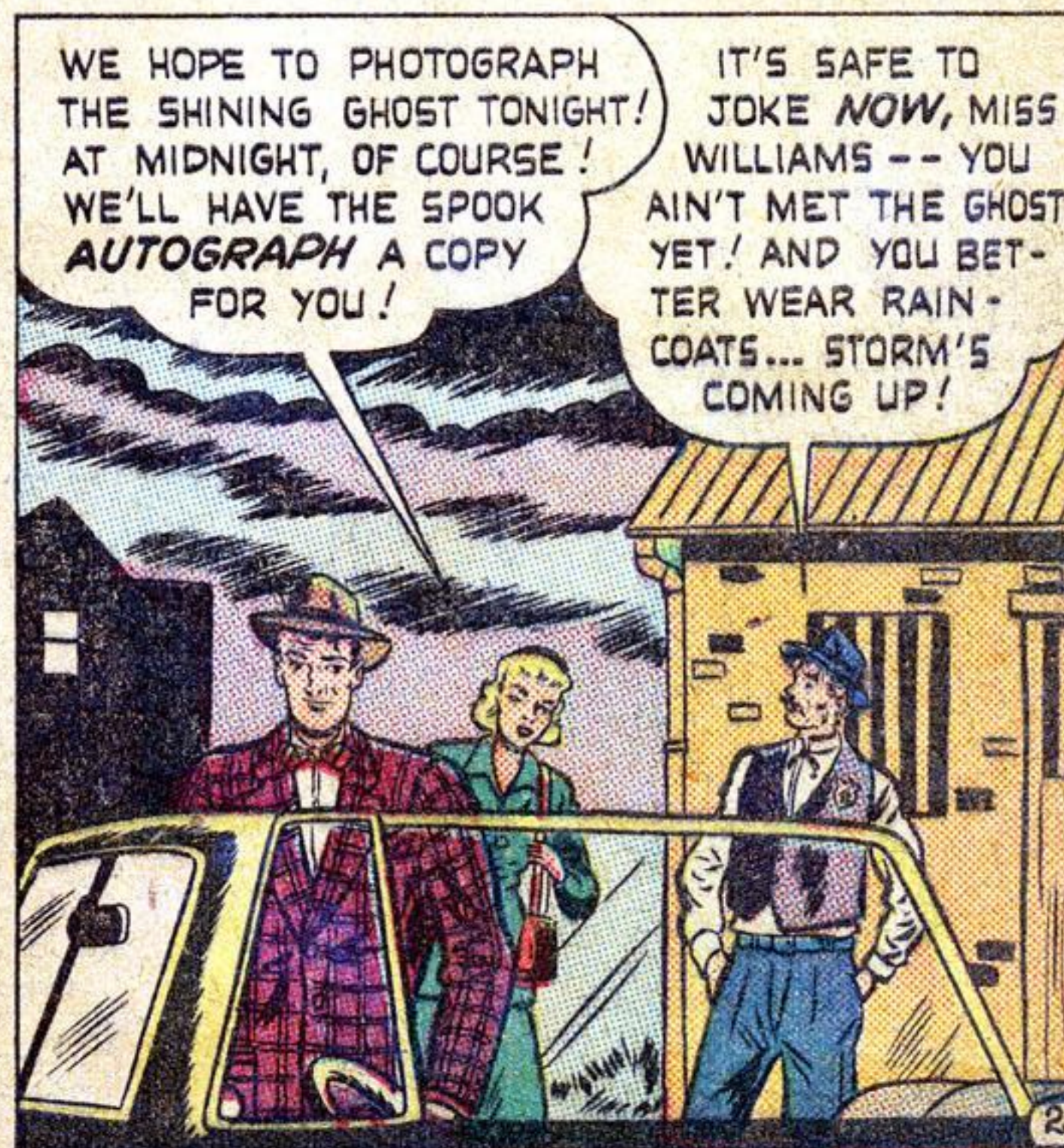
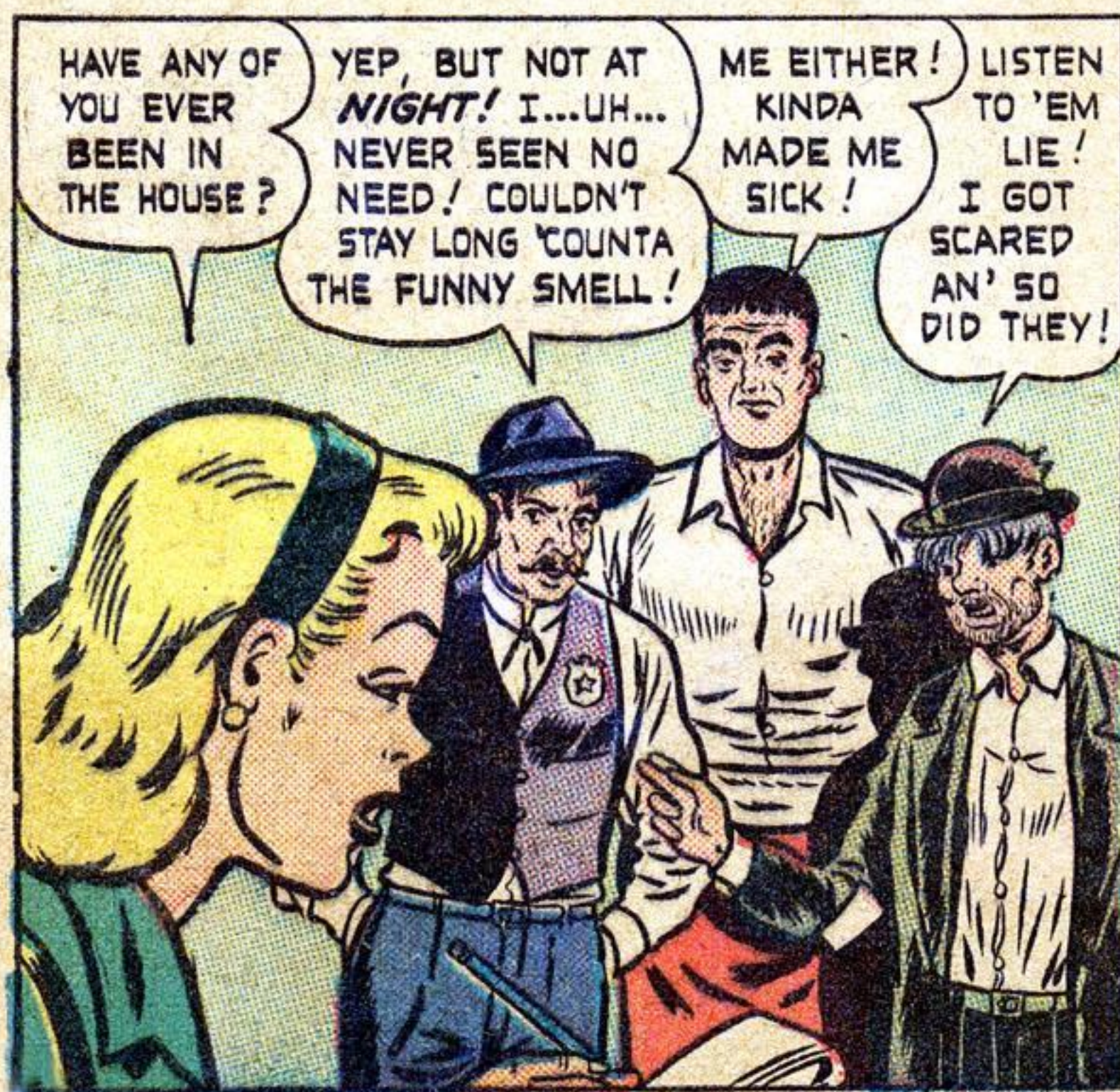
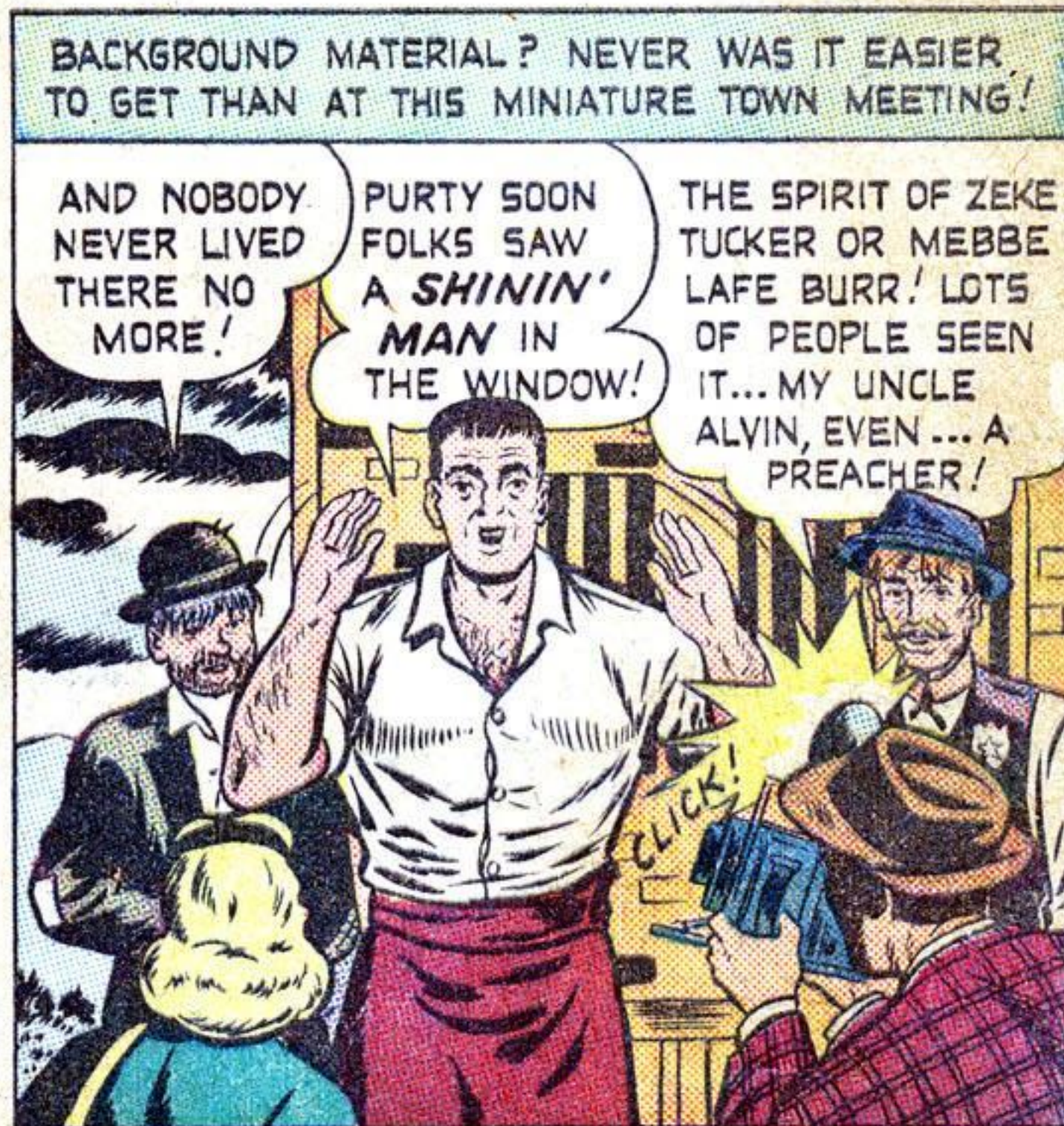
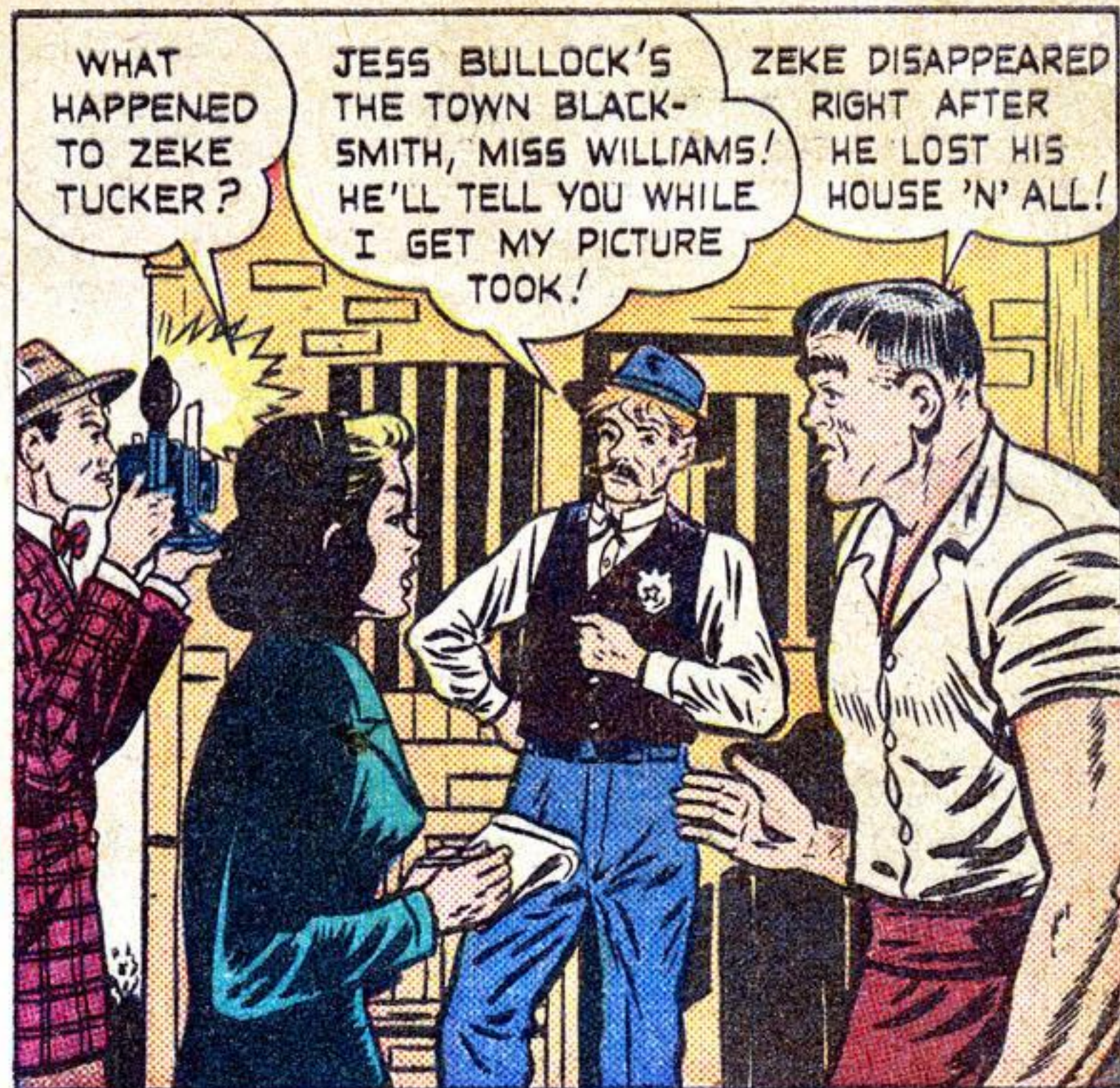
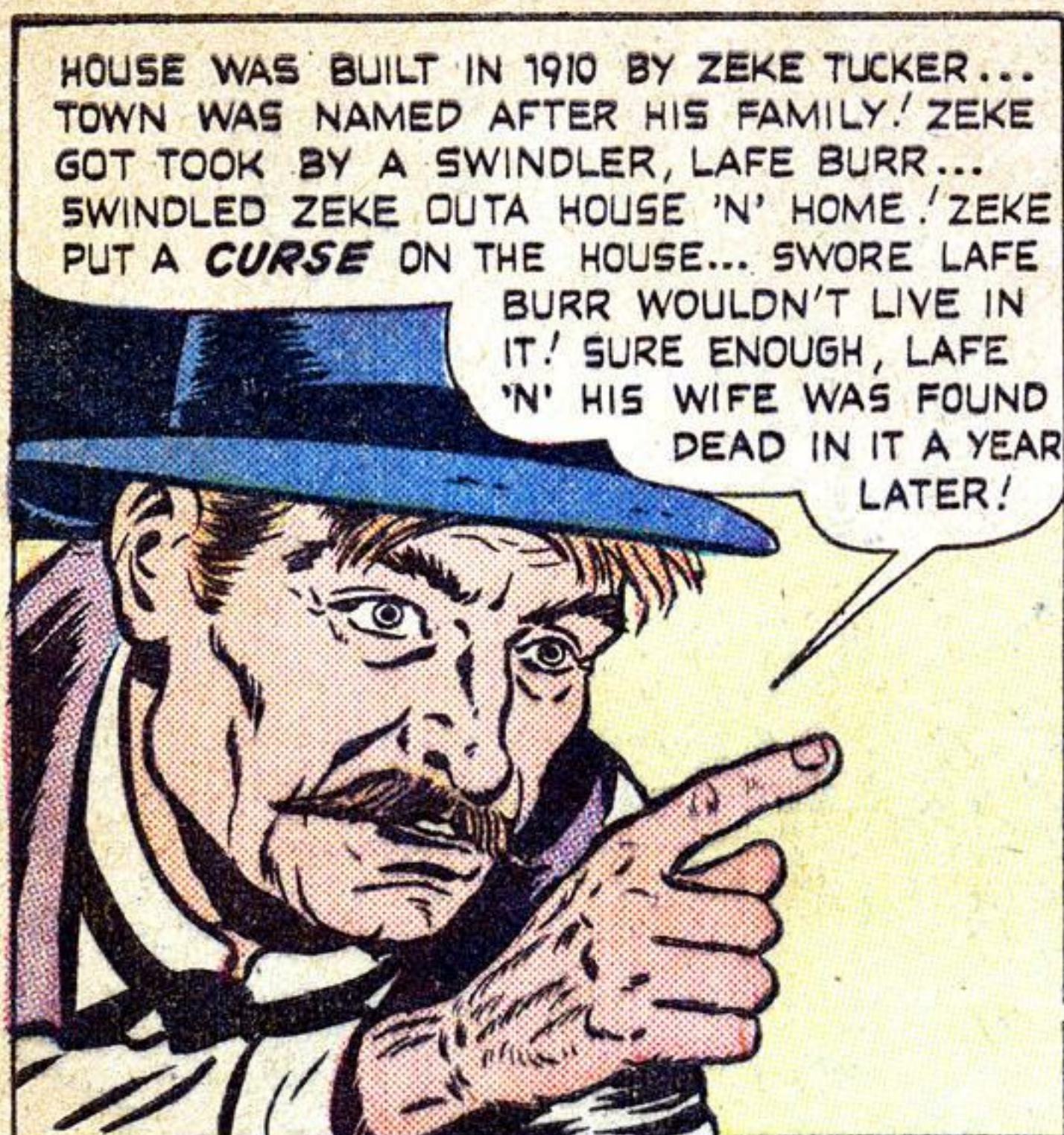
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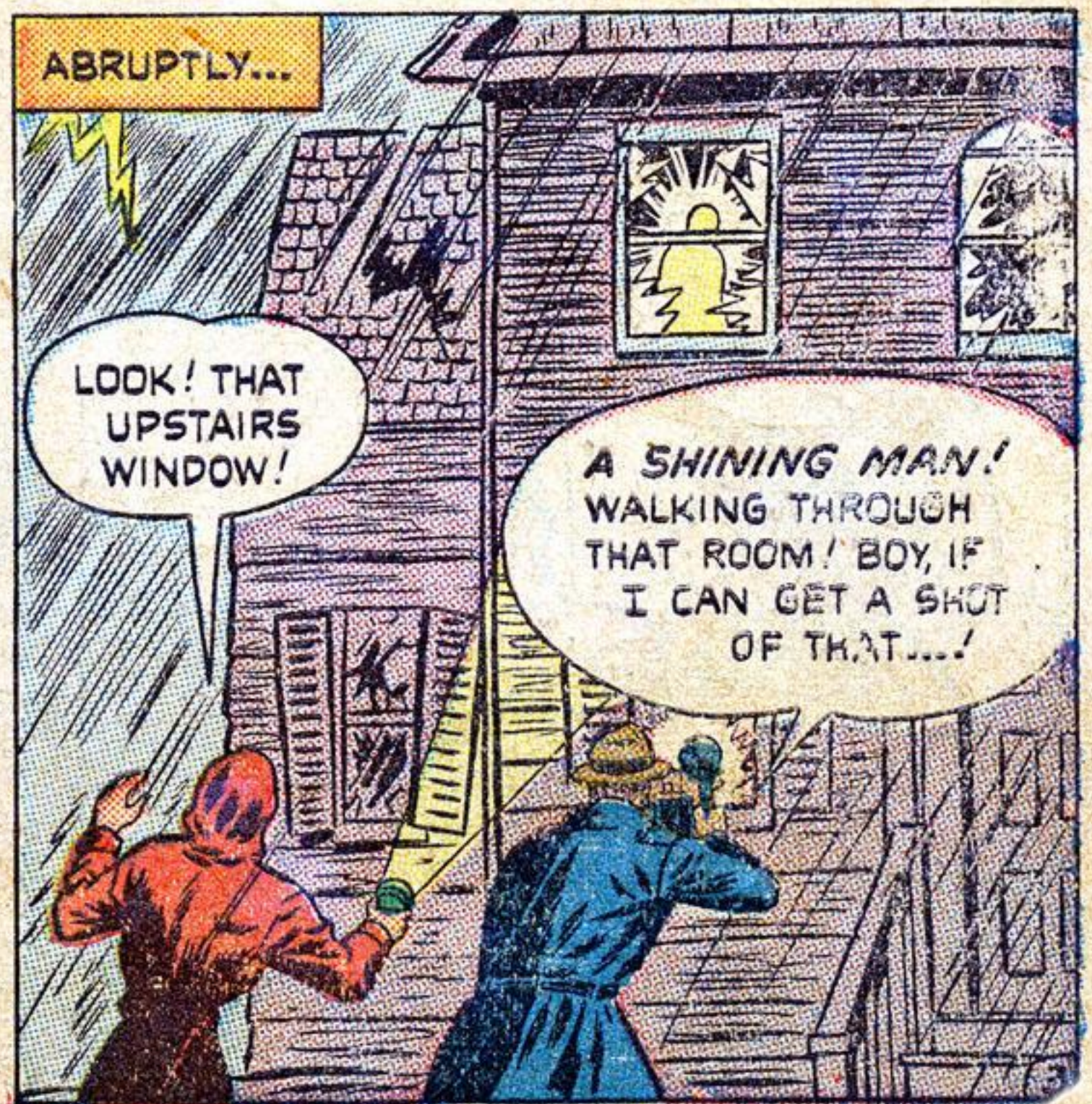
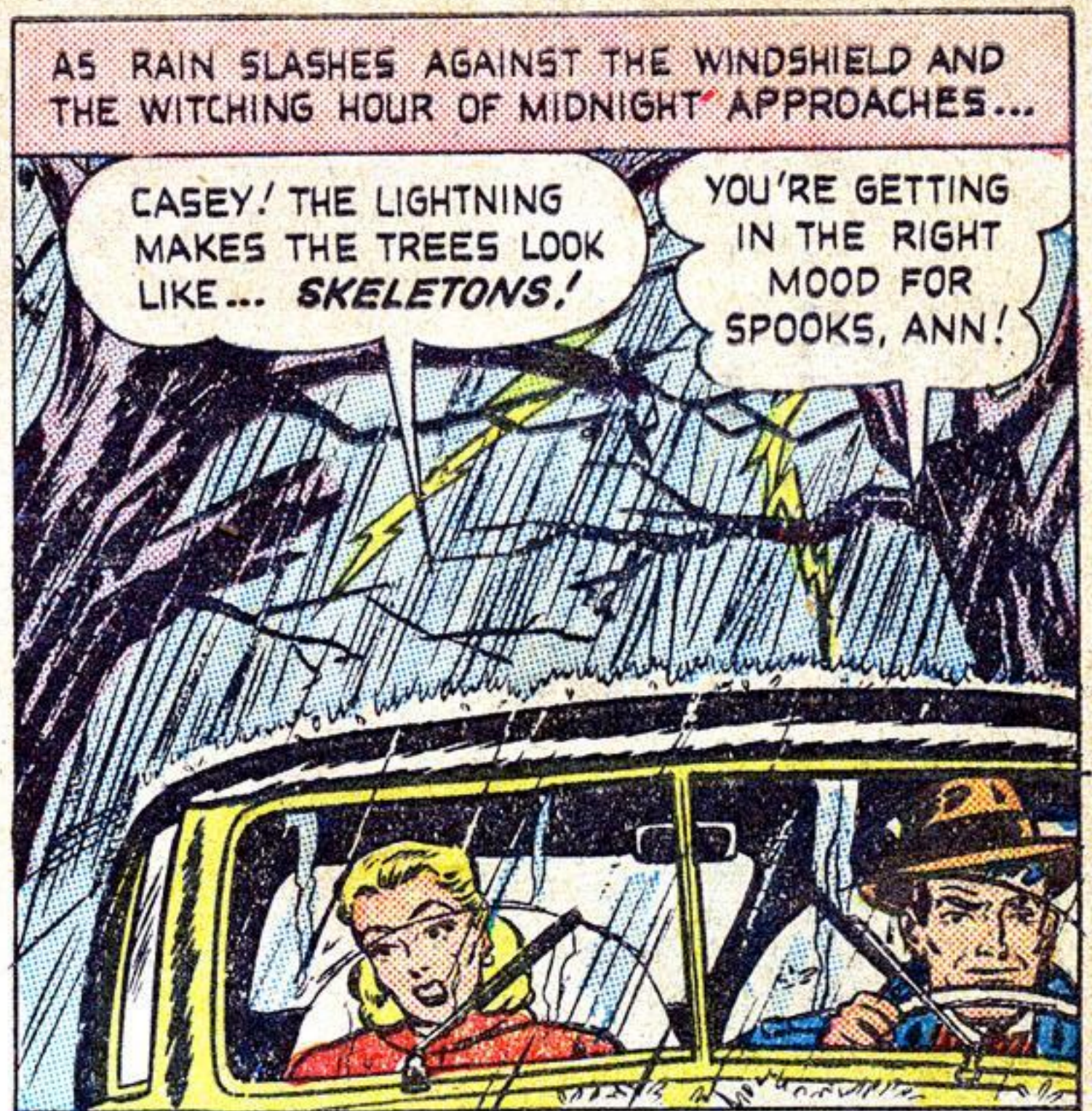


BIG-CITY REPORTERS, EH? WELL, YOU COME TO THE RIGHT PARTY FOR INFORMATION ON TUCKERTOWN'S HAUNTED HOUSE! RECKON I KNOW MORE'N ANYBODY ELSE ABOUT IT!

FINE, CONSTABLE DOREMUS! WHAT'S THE STORY?







BUT BEFORE THE ACE NEWS CAMERAMAN CAN CLICK THE SHUTTER...

GONE! NOW I'LL HAVE TO GO INSIDE AND GET THE PIC I MISSED!

CASEY, I CAN'T GO IN THERE NOW-- AND I CAN'T LET YOU GO IN EITHER! WHAT WE SAW WASN'T SOMEONE CARRYING A LANTERN AND IT WASN'T A REFLECTION!



EASY, ANN! YOU KNOW YOU DON'T BELIEVE IN GHOSTS! YOU KNOW THERE HAS TO BE A NATURAL EXPLANATION OF THE SHINING MAN!

I'M OKAY NOW, CASEY! I JUST GOT SCARED FOR A MINUTE, THAT'S ALL! COME ON-- LET'S GO INTO THE HOUSE!



THROUGH RAIN-SOAKED UNDERBRUSH, ACROSS A VERANDA OF ROTTING WOOD, AND THEN...

SPOOKS OR NO SPOOKS, IT'S NOT A PLEASANT PLACE TO VISIT AT MIDNIGHT!

WELL, IT'S ONE WAY TO GET IN OUT OF THE RAIN! HAVE YOUR FLASHLIGHT READY-- IT'S PRETTY DARK IN THERE!



THICK DUST ALL OVER EVERYTHING... NO FOOTPRINTS... SO NOBODY'S BEEN HERE IN YEARS!

I DON'T BLAME THEM! THAT SMELL CONSTABLE DOREMUS MENTIONED-- MOULDY, DEAD-- YET THE DOORS AND WINDOWS ARE BROKEN! IT TICKLES MY THROAT! (COUGH!)



THAT SHINING THING WAS UPSTAIRS, ANN! LET'S SEE WHAT IT WAS!

SH-H! LISTEN! THAT DOOR ISN'T OPEN LIKE THE OTHERS-- AND THERE ARE **SOUNDS** COMING FROM BEHIND IT!



BE CAREFUL, CASEY! I THINK THOSE SOUNDS ARE SOMEONE **WALKING** IN THERE!

WOODWORK AND FURNITURE SHRINKING IN THE NIGHT AIR, MORE LIKELY! WE'LL SOON SEE-- IF I CAN GET THIS DOOR OPEN!



WITH A FINAL SCREAM OF TORTURED WOOD, THE
WARPED DOOR FLIES OPEN! AND...



YOU DIDN'T HEAR
THIS GUY, ANNIE!
HE'S BEEN DEAD
A LOT LONGER
THAN A FEW
SECONDS!

DEAD! YOU MEAN--
WE'RE IN A *HAUNTED*
HOUSE -- WITH A
DEAD MAN?



AT THAT MOMENT...

CASEY! THE
DOOR
SLAMMED!

CALM DOWN,
ANNIE! THE WIND
MUST HAVE DONE
IT!

SLAM!



BUT AS FLASHGUN CASEY
TUGS AT THE STUBBORN
DOOR, ANN SEES...

IT'S
STUCK
AGAIN!

THAT PATCH OF LIGHT!
A SHINING FACE, AND
IT'S COMING
CLOSER!



SWIFTLY, THE EVIL FACE LOOMS
LARGER ... AND LARGER ...

GIVE ME THE
FLASHLIGHT!
I'LL FIND OUT
WHAT IT IS!

DON'T LET
IT TOUCH ME,
CASEY!

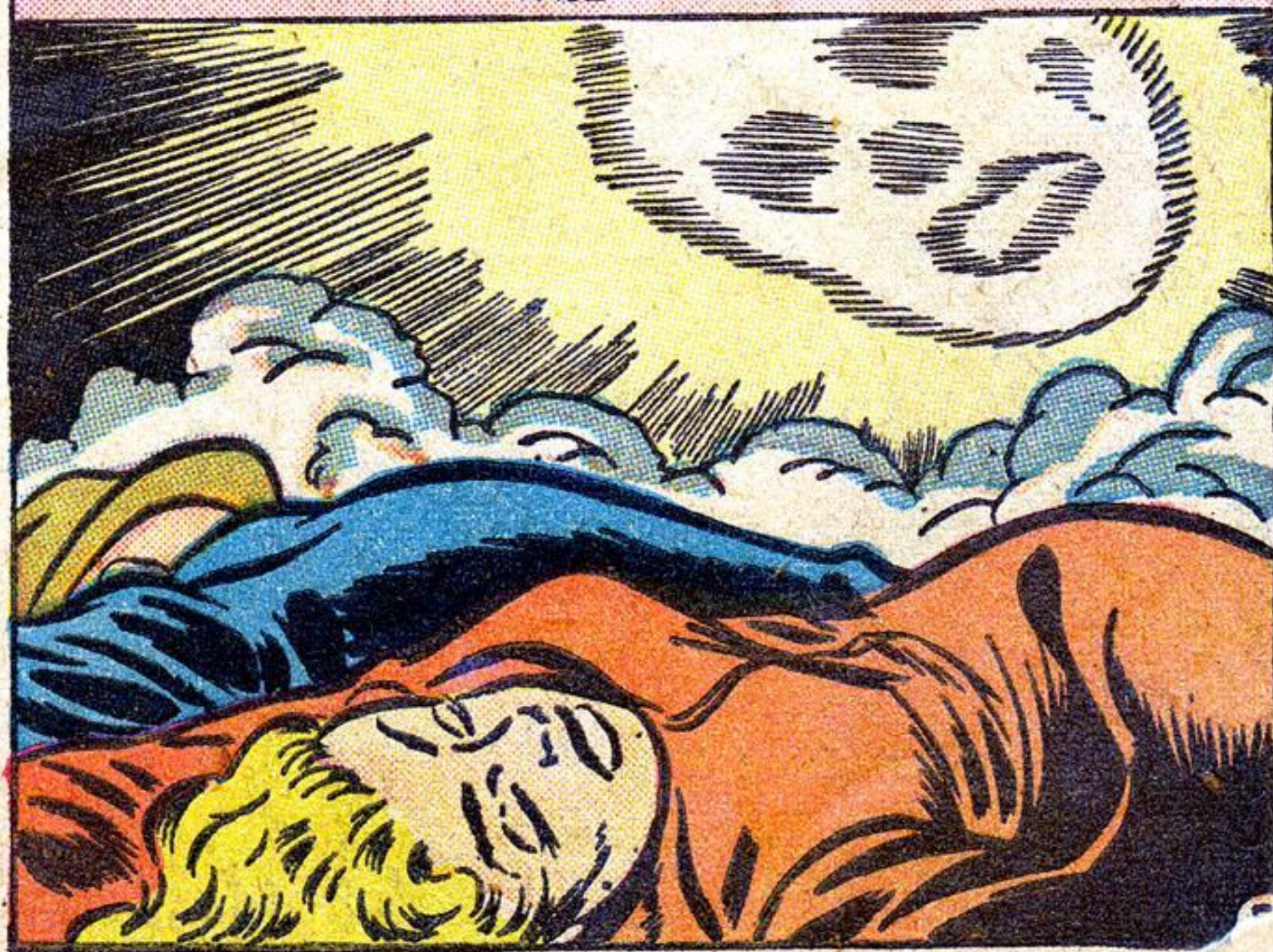


CASEY, WHERE
ARE YOU? THE
FACE -- I'LL GO
MAD! SAVE ME,
CASEY!

YOU DROPPED
THE LIGHT, ANN!
I CAN'T FIND
YOU... AGH!



THEN SILENCE! AND IN THE GLOW OF THE OMINOUS SHINING
FACE ...



LITTLE BY LITTLE, CONSCIOUSNESS RETURNS! AND...



THE SHINING FACE! IT'S GONE!

WE'RE... WE'RE IN A DOCTOR'S OFFICE! HOW COME?

CAME MORNING, THE TWO OF YOU DIDN'T SHOW UP... SO I WENT AND GOT YOU! 'OUT COLD, YOU WERE! SO I BROUGHT YOU HERE TO DOC RIORDAN!

THE LAST THING I REMEMBER IS THAT GHASTLY SHINING FACE ALMOST TOUCHING ME! I GUESS I JUST PASSED OUT FROM SHEER FRIGHT!

AND WHEN YOU DROPPED THE FLASHLIGHT, ANN, I GRABBED FOR IT! BUT I STUMBLED OVER THAT DEAD GUY'S BODY... AND THIS LUMP ON MY HEAD TELLS ME I HIT SOME-THING HARD!



FAINTING AND A LUMP ON THE HEAD DON'T ACCOUNT FOR ONE FACT-- YOU WERE BOTH UNCONSCIOUS FOR MORE THAN **SEVEN HOURS!** AND YOU BOTH SHOWED SIGNS OF **PARTIAL SUFFOCATION...** OR **SLOW STRANGULATION!**

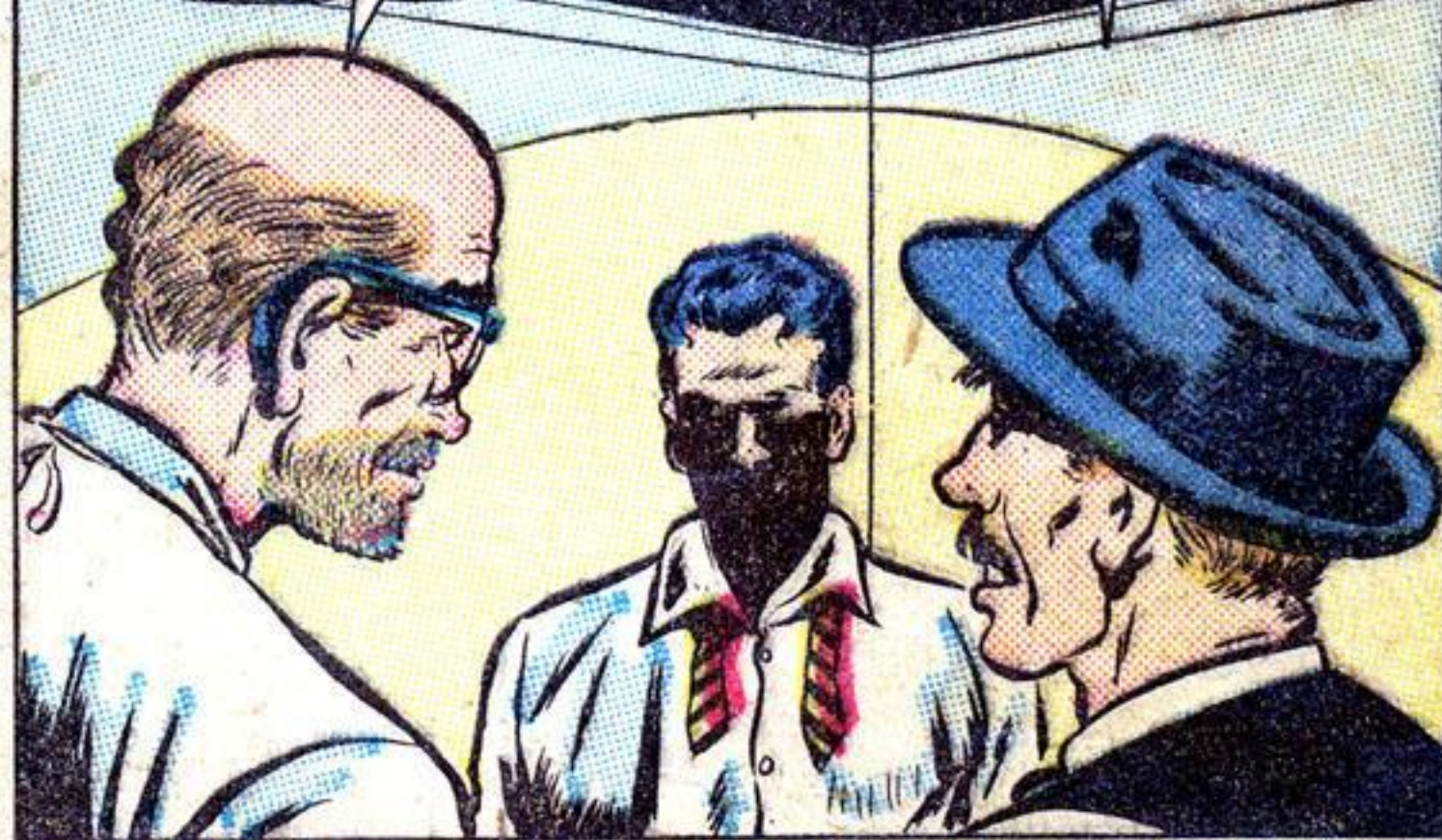
STRANGULATION?!

HOLY COW!



IF YOU'D BEEN LEFT IN THAT HOUSE A LITTLE LONGER, YOU'D HAVE BEEN DEAD AS THAT MAN YOU FOUND! HE WAS **STRANGLLED...** ALTHOUGH I COULD FIND NO MARKS ON HIS THROAT!

GHOST HANDS DON'T LEAVE NO MARKS! AS FOR THAT POOR FELLER WHO DIED... HE WAS A STRANGER HEREABOUTS! PROBABLY A TRAMP, COME IN OUTA THE RAIN!



DOC, DO YOU BELIEVE A **GHOST** KILLED THE MAN WE FOUND THERE... AND NEARLY KILLED US?

AS A PHYSICIAN, I FIND IT VERY HARD TO BELIEVE SUCH A THING, MR. CASEY! BUT I CAN'T THINK OF A LOGICAL EXPLANATION EITHER!



THANKS FOR SAVING US! I'VE GOT A HUNCH, AND IF IT'S RIGHT, I'M GOING TO PAY YOU BACK BY **RUBBING** THE **POLISH** OFF YOUR SHINING GHOST!

SURE HOPE SO, YOUNG FELLER! BUT NOT IF IT MEANS I GOTTA GO OUT AND SAVE YOU AGAIN!



I DON'T CARE IF YOUR HUNCH IS RIGHT, CASEY! IT MEANS GOING OUT TO THAT HOUSE AGAIN -- AND I DON'T WANT TO -- EVEN IN BROAD DAYLIGHT!

OKAY, THEN! STAY HERE! IF I DON'T FIND OUT THE TRUTH, YOU AND I WILL HAVE NIGHTMARES THE REST OF OUR LIVES!

BUT WHEN THE ACE PHOTOGRAPHER DRIVES OUT TO THE MANSION OF MENACE... HE HAS UNWILLING COMPANY...

HONESTLY, CASEY, THIS PLACE GIVES ME THE WILLIES! DO YOU HAVE TO GO BACK IN AGAIN?

I'LL ONLY BE A MINUTE, ANN ... JUST LONG ENOUGH TO GET SOMETHING I WANT TO TAKE BACK TO THE CITY!

I NEVER KNEW A MINUTE COULD BE SO LONG! CASEY'D BETTER HURRY OUT BEFORE I START SEEING THINGS!

LONG BEFORE THE SIXTY SECONDS ARE UP, HOWEVER...

WHEW! AM I GLAD TO SEE YOU!

I KIND OF FELT THE SAME WAY INSIDE! BUT I'VE GOT WHAT I WANT, SO LET'S GO!

WE CAN'T GET OUT OF HERE FAST ENOUGH TO SUIT ME!

STOP JITTERING, ANNIE! IT'S DAYTIME AND NOT A THING CAN HAPPEN TO US NOW!

THAT'S WHAT YOU THINK!

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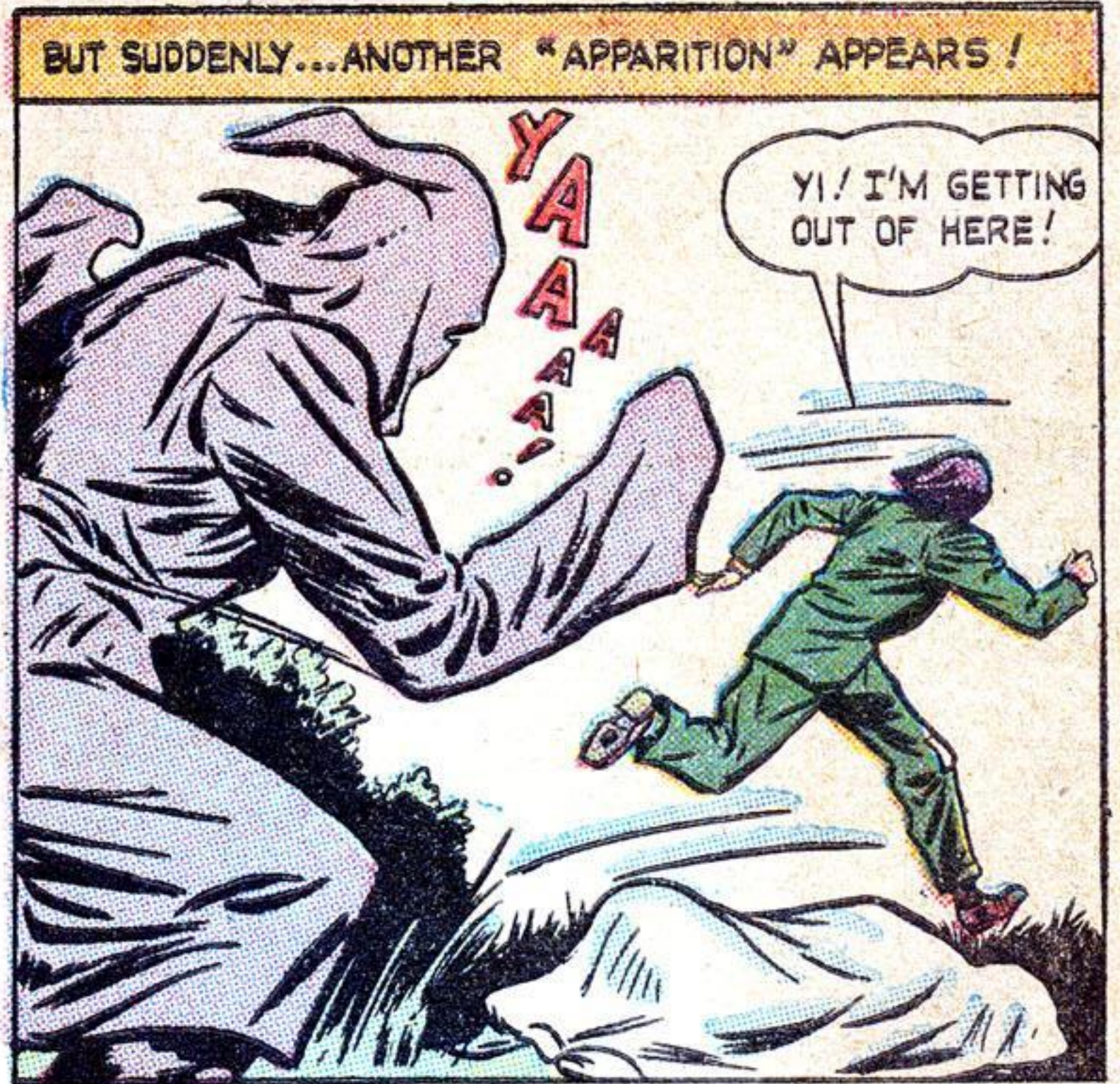
EEEEK!

CLUNK!

CLUNK!



THAT DOES IT! THEY'RE
OUT COLD NOW!



BUT SUDDENLY...ANOTHER "APPARITION" APPEARS!

YI! I'M GETTING
OUT OF HERE!

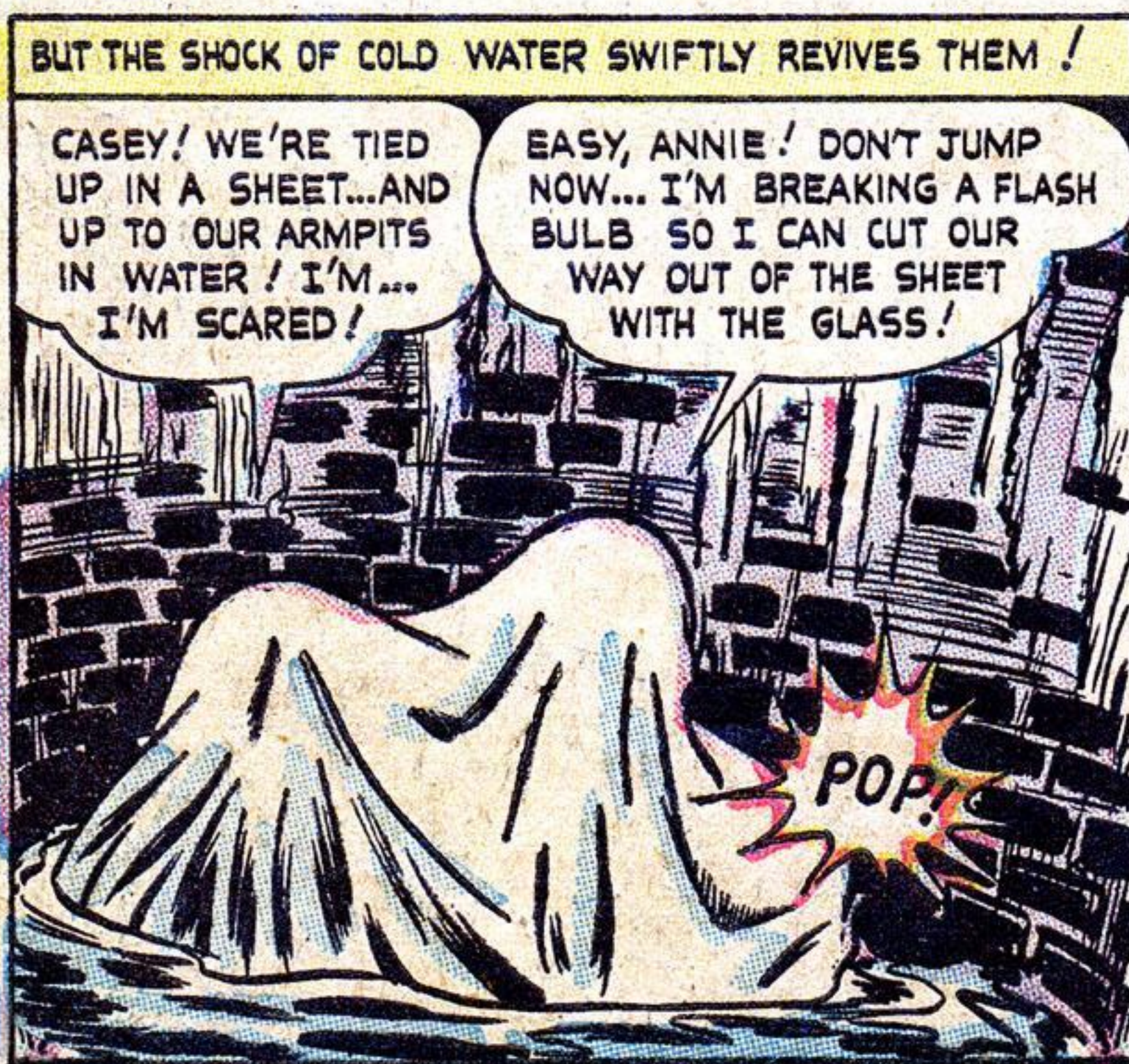


AND THEN...

THEY AIN'T GONNA BOTHER
ME ANY MORE! NOT ONCE
THEY'RE DOWN THAT
OLD WELL!



UNCONSCIOUS IN THEIR BONDS, CASEY AND
ANN ARE NOT AWARE OF FLYING THROUGH THE
AIR...DOWN THE SHAFT OF AN ANCIENT WELL...AND...



BUT THE SHOCK OF COLD WATER SWIFTLY REVIVES THEM!

CASEY! WE'RE TIED
UP IN A SHEET...AND
UP TO OUR ARMPITS
IN WATER! I'M...
I'M SCARED!

EASY, ANNIE! DON'T JUMP
NOW... I'M BREAKING A FLASH
BULB SO I CAN CUT OUR
WAY OUT OF THE SHEET
WITH THE GLASS!

POP!



A GREAT LITTLE
SPOT YOU TALKED
ME INTO! HOW DO
WE GET OUT OF
HERE?

YOU'VE HAD ENOUGH
EXERCISE JUMPING
AT CONCLUSIONS... SO
CLIMBING A BRICK WALL
OUGHT TO BE EASY
FOR YOU!



THEIR ASSAILANTS SAFELY UNDER ARREST, CASEY AND ANN RETURN TO THE CITY... WHERE THE ACE CAMERAMAN DROPS IN ON A FAMOUS BIOLOGIST...

HMM... THIS SPECIMEN YOU GAVE ME IS VERY INTERESTING! YOUR GUESS IS ABSOLUTELY RIGHT!

STRICTLY ACCIDENTAL, PROF. I JUST HAPPENED TO REMEMBER SOME OF THE THINGS YOU TOLD ME WHEN I TOOK PIX OF YOUR LAB LAST YEAR!

BUT THERE *IS* THAT ONE POINT THAT BAFFLES ME! I CAN'T EXPLAIN THAT AT ALL!

THAT'S WHY I'M GOING BACK TO TUCKERTOWN! I'M GOING TO GET THE WHOLE MYSTERY CLEARED UP -- FOR GOOD!

AND SO IT IS THAT THE BATTLING NEWSHOUNDS AGAIN VISIT THE SINISTER MANSION... THIS TIME WITH RELUCTANT COMPANY!

YOU *SURE* WE'RE TAKIN' NO CHANCES, MR. CASEY?

NOT A ONE, CONSTABLE! I'VE GOT THE SHINING GHOST PRACTICALLY ALL DOPED OUT!

I DON'T LIKE THAT "PRACTICALLY"!

BUT WHY DID WE HAVE TO COME HERE ON A NIGHT LIKE THIS?

BECAUSE THE GHOST WALKS ONLY WHEN IT RAINS! YOU'LL SEE WHY FOR YOURSELF!

WHAT ARE THESE GAUZE SURGICAL MASKS FOR, CASEY?

TO KEEP OUT THE *DUST* IN THIS HOUSE! THAT'S WHAT KILLED THE HOBO AND ALMOST KNOCKED US OFF -- IT WASN'T SPOOKS!

DOGGONE! HOW DO *YOU* KNOW?

WITH SHOCKING ABRUPTNESS, THE SHINING GHOST APPEARS IN THE DISMAL DARKNESS!

LOOK! UP THERE!

FIRST TIME I EVER SEEN IT... AND I HOPE IT'S THE LAST!



YOU CAN'T EXPLAIN THE SHINING GHOST WITH DUST!

IT'LL EXPLAIN A LOT MORE THAN YOU THINK, ANNIE! FIRST THING WE'LL DO IS GO TO THE ROOM WHERE WE FOUND THE DEAD MAN!



THE DOOR IS STUCK AGAIN, BUT I'M GETTING IT OPEN! NOW TURN OFF YOUR FLASHLIGHTS AND COME ON IN!

TURN OFF?

DON'T ARGUE WITH HIM, CONSTABLE! HE HAS A FRIGHTFUL TEMPER!

INSIDE THE ROOM WHERE DEATH STRUCK, BENEATH A GHOSTLY GRIN...



THAT SHINING FACE WE SAW... JUST BEFORE WE PASSED OUT!

IT'S NOT A FACE, ANN! WATCH WHAT HAPPENS WHEN I TURN ON MY FLASHLIGHT!

WHY, IT'S ONLY A STAIN THE SIZE OF A MAN'S FACE... WITH DARK SPOTS WHERE NOSE, EYES AND MOUTH SHOULD BE! BUT WHAT MAKES IT SHINE -- LUMINOUS PAINT?



NOPE! YOU'LL SEE WHEN WE FIND THE GHOST UPSTAIRS!

ON THE SECOND FLOOR, CASEY PUSHES ASIDE A CONCEALED PANEL...

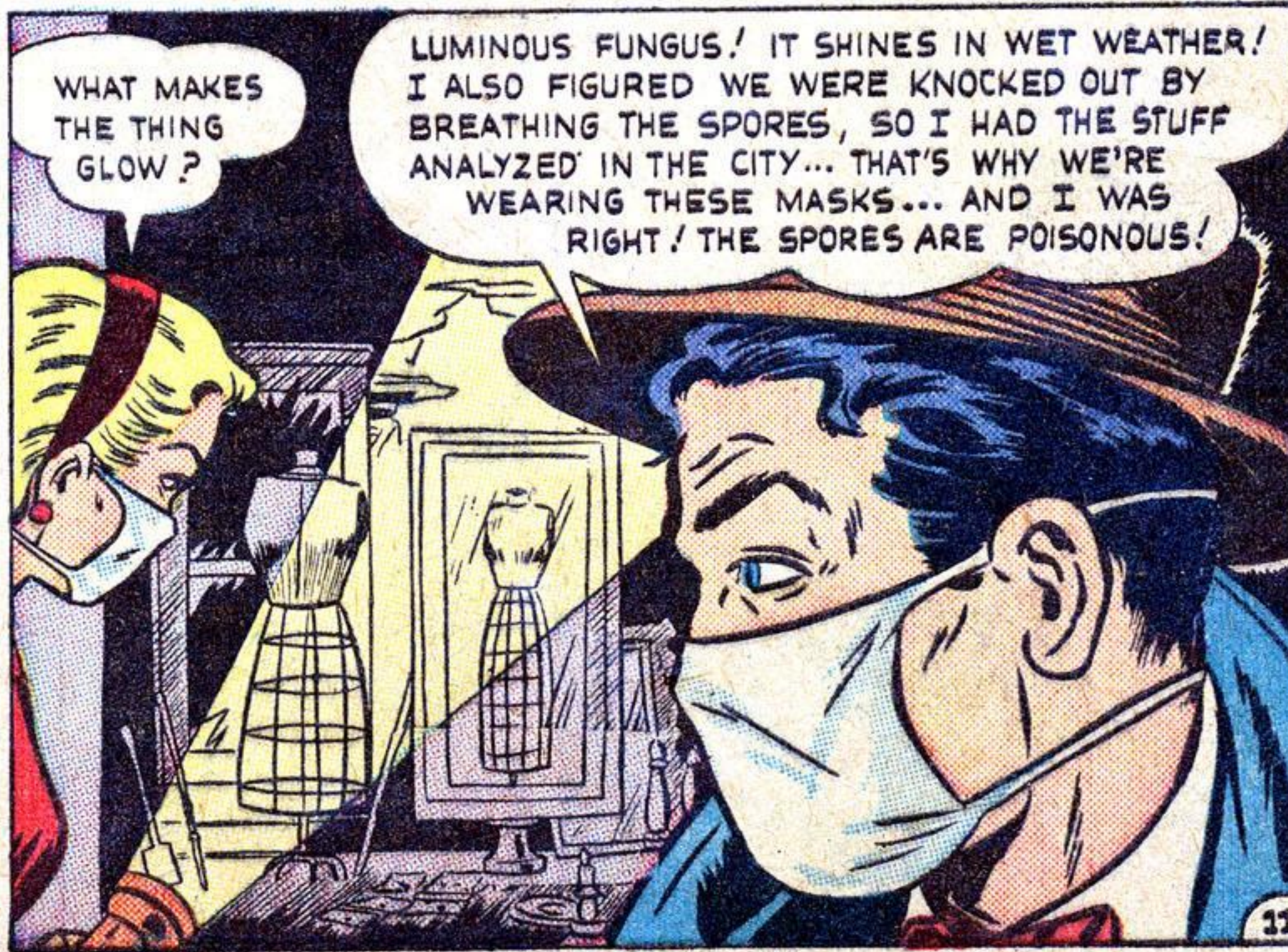


NOBODY STAYED HERE LONG ENOUGH TO NOTICE THERE'S A BLANK WALL WHERE A WINDOW SHOULD BE... WHICH MEANS A HIDDEN ROOM! AND THERE'S YOUR SHINING GHOST!

HUH? ALL I SEE IS AN OLD DRESS-MAKER'S DUMMY!

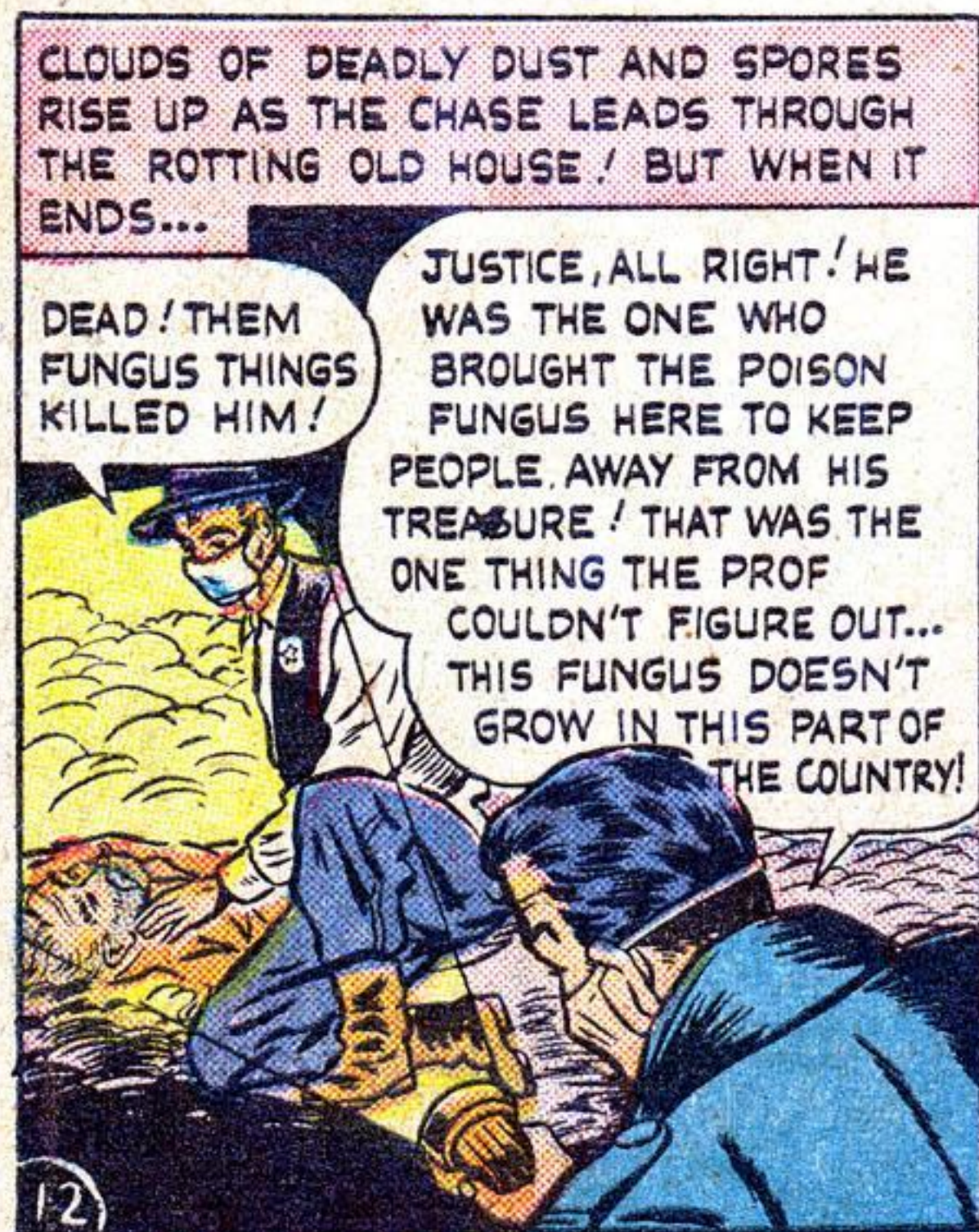
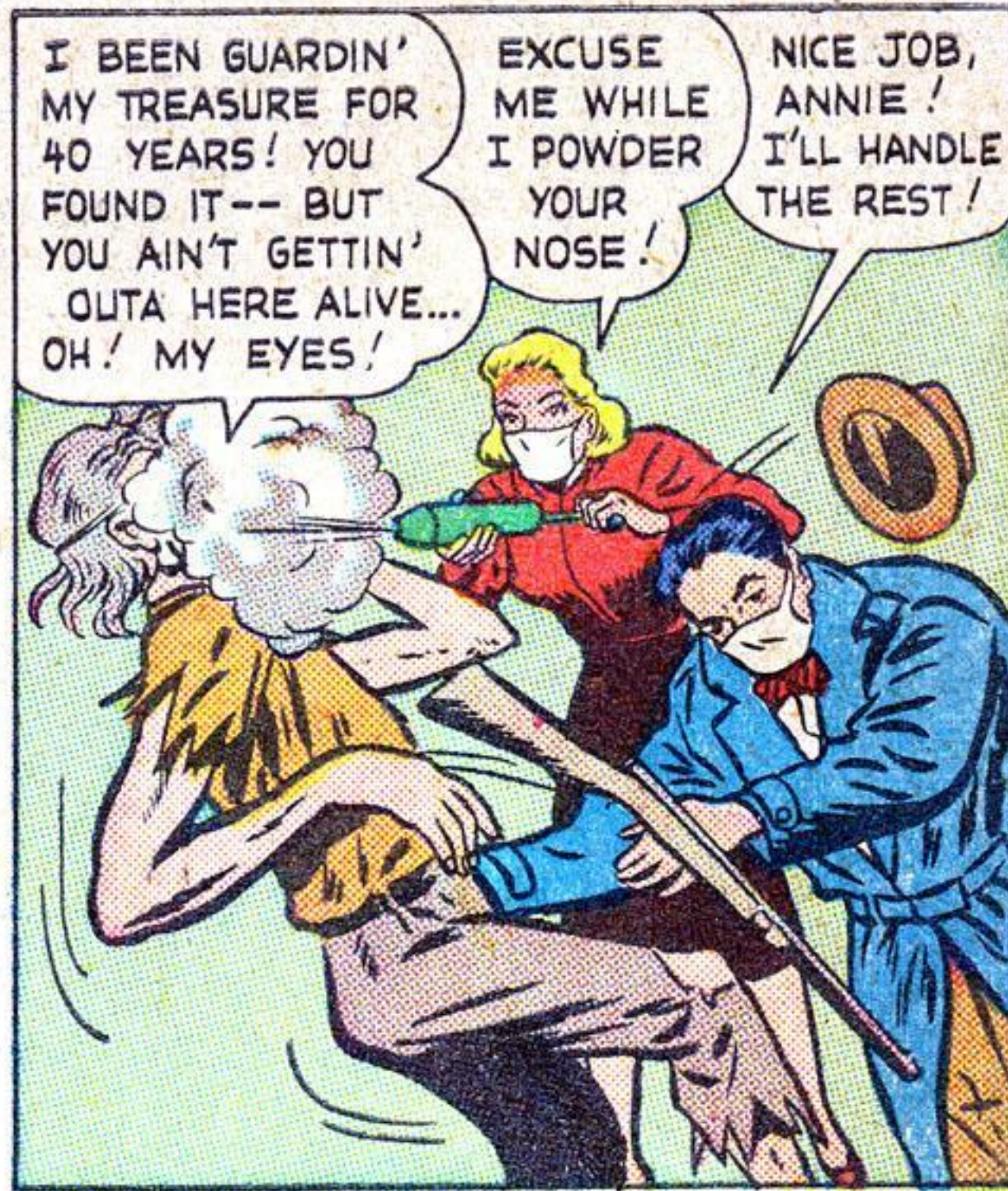
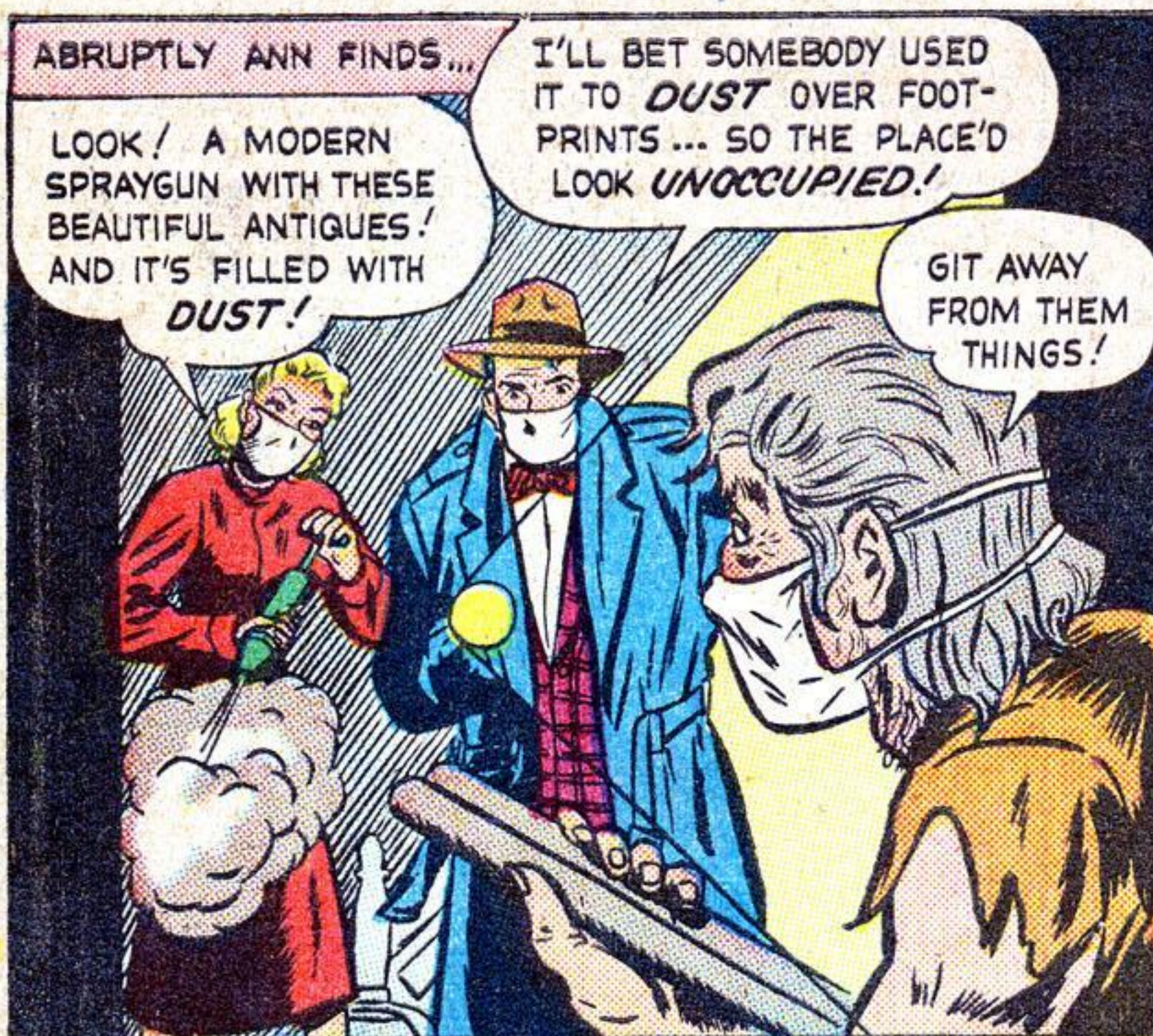


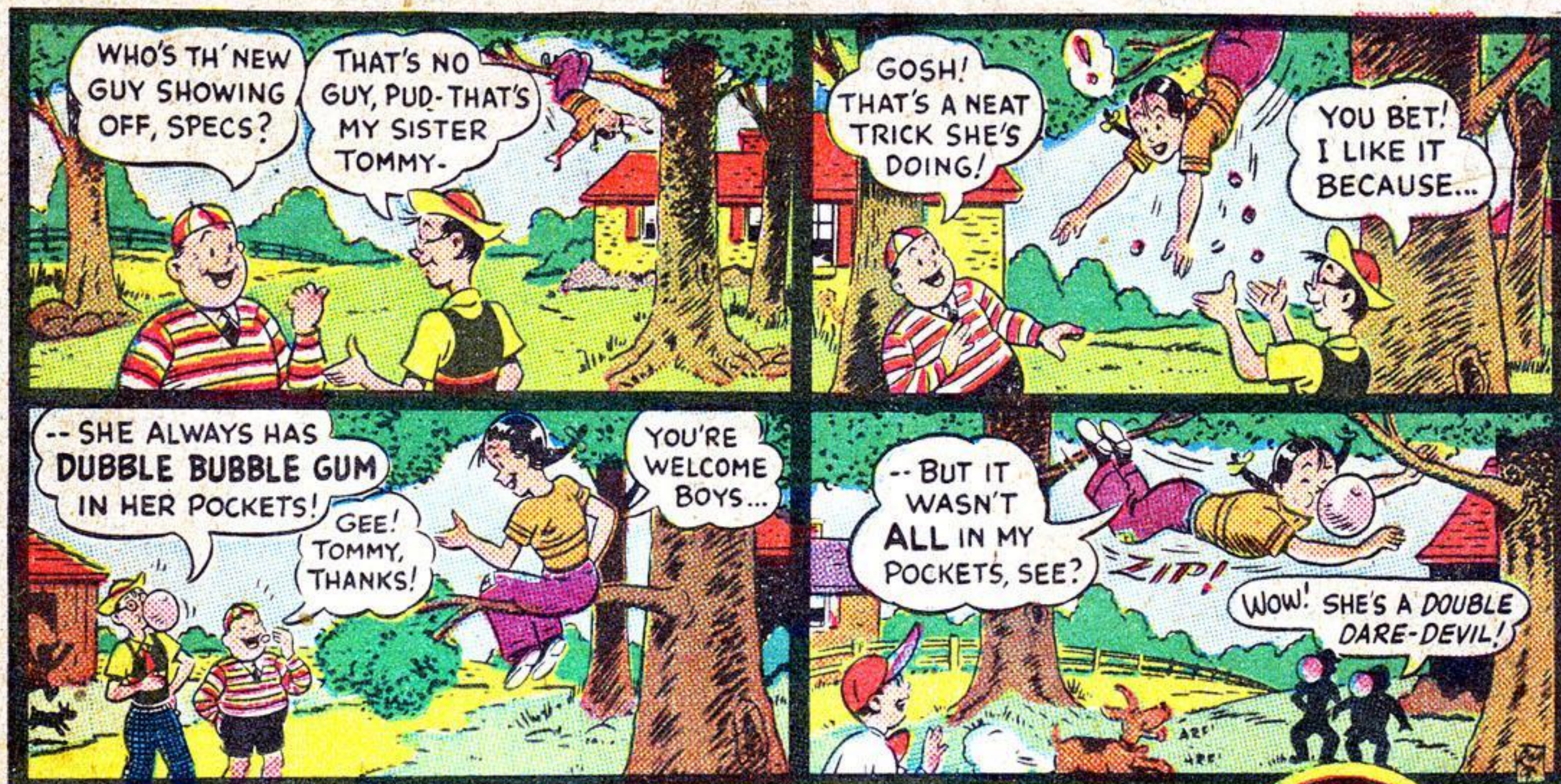
SEE WHAT HAPPENS WHEN THE FLASHLIGHTS ARE OFF? THE DUMMY GLOWS! AND IT'S REFLECTED IN THAT REVOLVING MIRROR NEAR THE WINDOW! THE WIND BLOWS THE MIRROR AND THAT MAKES IT LOOK AS IF THE DUMMY IS WALKING!



WHAT MAKES THE THING GLOW?

LUMINOUS FUNGUS! IT SHINES IN WET WEATHER! I ALSO FIGURED WE WERE KNOCKED OUT BY BREATHING THE SPORES, SO I HAD THE STUFF ANALYZED IN THE CITY... THAT'S WHY WE'RE WEARING THESE MASKS... AND I WAS RIGHT! THE SPORES ARE POISONOUS!





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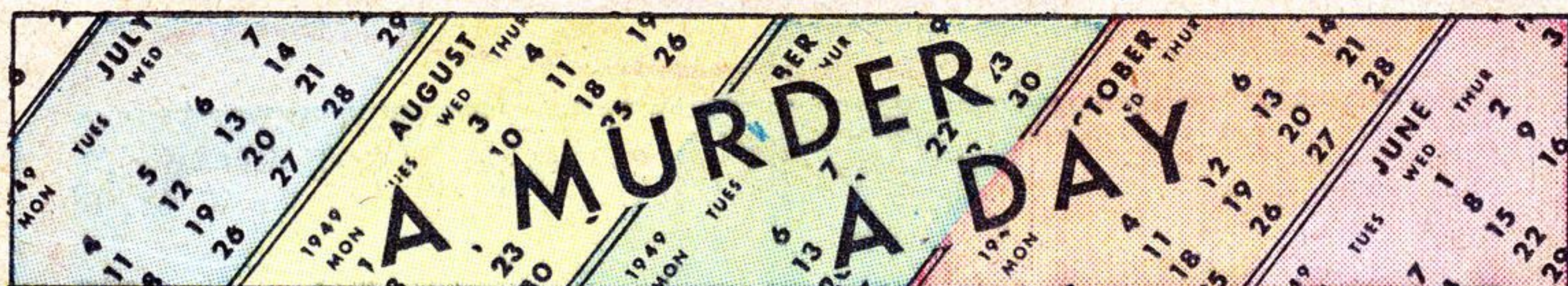
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"SEVEN murders in seven days." Captain Logan hissed these words through his teeth as he pushed back his police cap.

"Dead about an hour. Stabbed through the heart with a desk pen. Must've put up quite a struggle." In short, jerky sentences the coroner reported his diagnosis, then added impatiently, "anything else, Chief?"

The Captain was studying the sprawled-out body through squinted eyes. Without turning his head he said, "No, thanks, Doc. You can scam now."

"This one's like all the others. Not a single clue!" Captain Logan exploded after the coroner left. "Not even a motive. Sometimes I wish I were nothing but a . . ."

"Crime photographer?" a voice asked.

Logan spun around. "Oh, it's you, Casey. I was wondering when the super-snooper would show up."

"In person, Chief," Casey bowed low.

"Where's that female shadow of yours?"

"Ann Williams? She's out in the hall flirting with that good-looking cop you've got posted at the door."

"Let's cut the kidding, Casey. I'm in no mood for jokes."

"Okay, Chief," Casey looked down at the body of the murdered man. "Another one, huh?"

"Yep."

"What's the dope?"

"Raymond P. Hollaway, banker. Dead about an hour. Stabbed with his own desk pen. Struggle. Nothing missing. Clues, nil."

Casey studied the dead man carefully. His senses of perception and deduction were honed to a keen edge by the years of experience as crime

photographer for the Daily Express. His eyes darted around the room searching for some clue. Then he looked at the dead man's face again.

"I've seen this man before somewhere, Chief," Casey scratched his head as if to stir his memory.

"This case has got me batty, Casey. What the heck is the murderer after? It's not money. Nothing has been stolen. The guy must be a madman . . . a thrill killer!"

"I still think I've seen this man before," Casey said thoughtfully. Then he spun around. "See you later, Chief."

"Where you off to, Casey?" the Captain shouted after the famous crime photographer.

"To the Blue Note Cafe for a cup of java . . . and some thinking." The door slammed and Casey was gone.

After ten cups of Ethelbert's famous coffee, Casey and Ann were still banging their heads against a stone wall for even the smallest lead on the seven murders.

"I've seen that Hollaway face somewhere . . . but where?" Casey asked that question a hundred times to every cup of coffee he drank.

"He was a banker," Ann said, "but you couldn't have seen him at the bank. You've never had any money to put into a bank."

"All right, Annie, cut the gags, will you?" Casey pleaded. "This guy's knocked off seven stiff and you sit there clowning."

"Maybe he'll stop when he hits an even dozen, Casey," Ethelbert volunteered as he brought fresh coffee.

"A dozen! Twelve!" Casey yelled out, spilling coffee all over the table.

"Casey's finally cracked, Ethelbert," Ann shook her head

in mock sorrow.

"Twelve! That's it!" Casey stood up. "I could kiss you, Ethelbert. Matter of fact, I will kiss you." Casey planted a loud fatherly smack on Ethelbert's puzzled brow.

"Well, I'll be . . ." Ann was at a loss for words. "Here I've been trying to get Casey to do that to me for years, and . . ."

"Come on, Annie, we're off to the Daily Express picture morgue."

Ethelbert shook his head slowly. "That fellow Casey has been working too hard lately."

At the Daily Express morgue, Casey and Ann searched through the old picture files for hours. Finally Casey's face lit up.

"I've got it, Ann. Look!" He held up a large photograph.

"So you've got a picture. There's millions of 'em here."

"Not like this one, Annie." Casey handed the picture to her. "That's a pic of the Albertson jury coming out of the court room. I took that picture back in 1939."

"Goody for you," Ann forced a smile. "Come up to my place sometimes and I'll show you Aunt Emma's picture album."

Casey ignored Ann's sarcasm. He pointed to one of the men in the photograph. "See this man in the foreground?"

"Certainly," Ann replied, "I've only lost my mind, not my sight."

"Well, that's the guy that was bumped off tonight . . . Raymond P. Hollaway," Casey added triumphantly. "Ethelbert sparked my memory about this jury when he mentioned the word dozen—twelve on a jury. I remembered this Hollaway guy because he took a swing at me with his cane after I took this picture."

"So Hollaway was on a jury and I'm a Girl Scout, so where



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does that tie in with the murders?"

"That jury convicted Harold Wolfgang Albertson on an embezzling charge. He got ten years. And," Casey continued, "hold on to your bonnet, Annie. 'cause here's the bombshell."

"Fire at will, mastermind."

"All seven men who have been murdered in the past seven days are in that photograph!"

"Then Albertson is our man. And the motive—revenge," Ann snapped her fingers. "Casey, you're a genius," and this time she wasn't being sarcastic.

The crime photographer and his assistant burst into Captain Logan's office early the next morning.

"Top of the mornin' to you, Chief," Casey greeted.

"What are you two news hounds so cheerful about this early?" Logan asked.

Casey told the Captain about his discovery and, for the first time in a week, a glint of hope sparkled in the Chief's steel-grey eyes.

"This is terrific, Casey."

"That's not all, Chief," Casey continued. "I know who Albertson will attempt to murder tonight."

"Now, Casey, you've done a wonderful job in getting this info, but please stick to crime photography and let the police solve the murders."

Casey pulled out an old newspaper from his pocket. "Look, Logan, here's a newspaper from 1939, when Albertson was on trial." He turned a few pages, "and here's an artist's sketch of the jury at the trial. Notice the way the jurors are seated."

Captain Logan studied the drawing. "That foreman is Selwyn James, the first man murdered."

"Right, Chief. Now who was the second man knocked off?"

"Richard Match."

"Right again. And observe where he is seated. Right next to the foreman. And the man

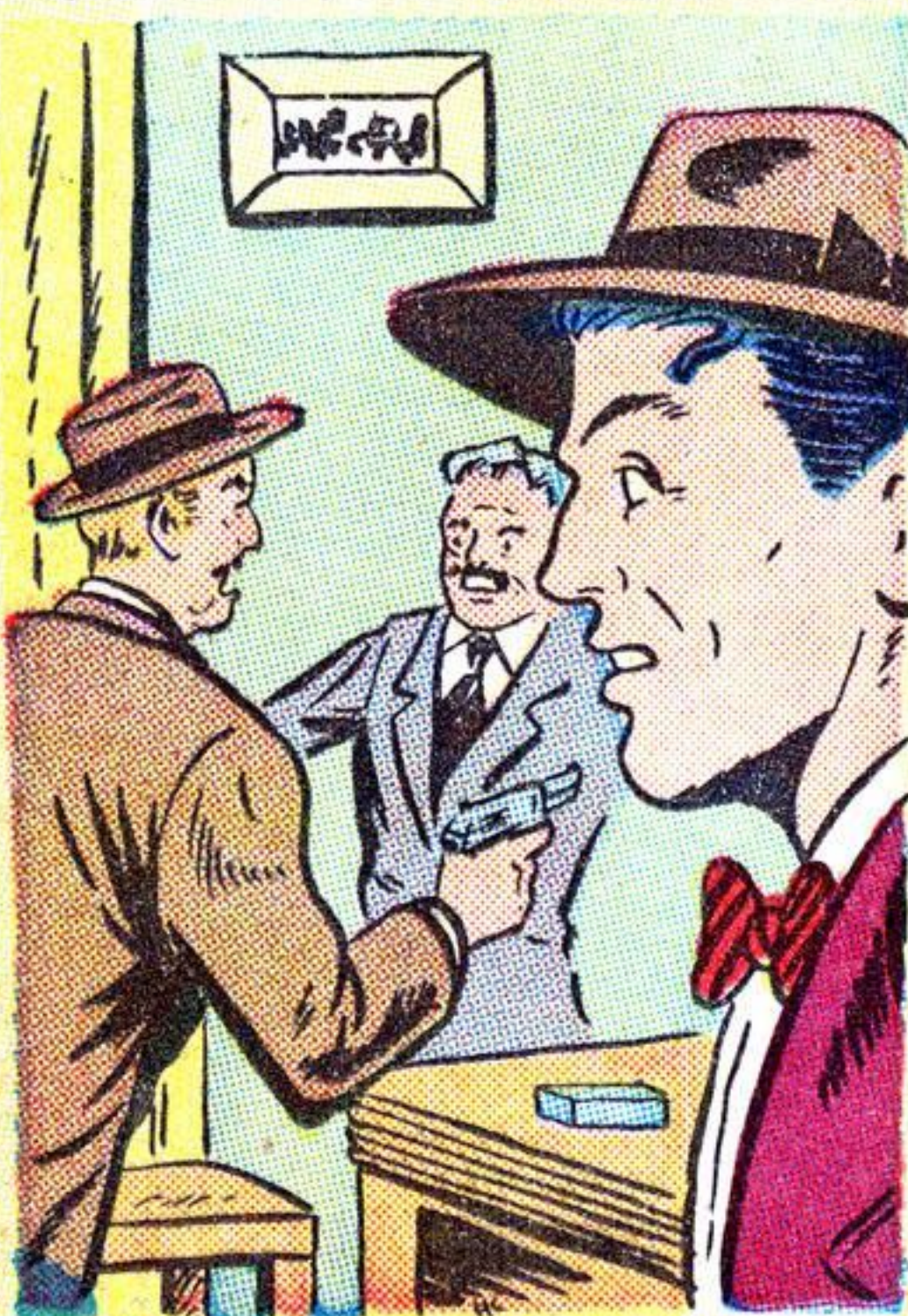
next to Richard Match was the third victim."

"Jumping lieutenants!" Logan cried out. "You mean that the killer is murdering off that whole jury one by one, in the order they were seated at the trial?"

"Yep. I figure that the killer, Albertson, has a copy of this sketch and is crossing off his victims in an orderly fashion as he kills them."

"Sounds insane, but I believe you. What's your plan?"

"The next man on Albertson's death list is the number eight man on the jury, Walter Crane. Let me warn Crane and



hide inside his home with a couple of your best men. You surround the house with your men and when the killer breaks in to finish off Crane, your men nab him and I get my pics."

"Okay, Casey. I hope your hunch is right."

The trap was set. Crane agreed to act as a decoy while the police surrounded the house and Casey and Ann, with two detectives, hid inside the house.

The minutes dragged into hours and Crane was getting nervous. Captain Logan and his men were restless and Casey sweated in his closet hiding place. It was almost midnight and nothing had happened yet.

Suddenly a policeman burst into the house. "Come on boys, a murder call just came over the radio car's speaker. Looks like Casey is out at bat on this one."

The police cars' sirens whined away. Casey was alone with Crane.

"Guess I did strike out, Mr. Crane. Sorry. I'll get my camera and scram." Casey walked slowly out of the room.

"Good evening, Mr. Crane, I'm glad to see you are all alone," a strange voice addressed Crane. "I sent the police on a wild goose chase. But they'll find their eighth corpse here, when they return."

Crane turned slowly. "Harold Albertson," he gasped, "it is you."

Casey heard the voices. Instinct made him reach for his camera. Cautiously he looked into the room. The intruder was pointing a gun at Crane.

"Hello, Mr. Albertson," Casey stepped into the room. "I'm Casey of the Express."

The killer swung his gun toward Casey. "Oh, yes, Mr. Casey. I recall you. As a matter of fact you were number 13 on my list. But now you have advanced to the ninth position."

Casey raised his camera swiftly and there was a blinding brilliance as his flashgun fired off one of his flashbulbs. The murderer was blinded by the unexpected bolt of light and fired wildly. Casey ducked low and lunged at the killer with a powerful tackle, slamming him to the floor with a smash.

There was a wail of sirens outside and in a few seconds, Captain Logan and Ann rushed into the house.

Casey pointed to the form of the unconscious killer and said, "Casey struck out all right. But you should have seen the tackle he made."

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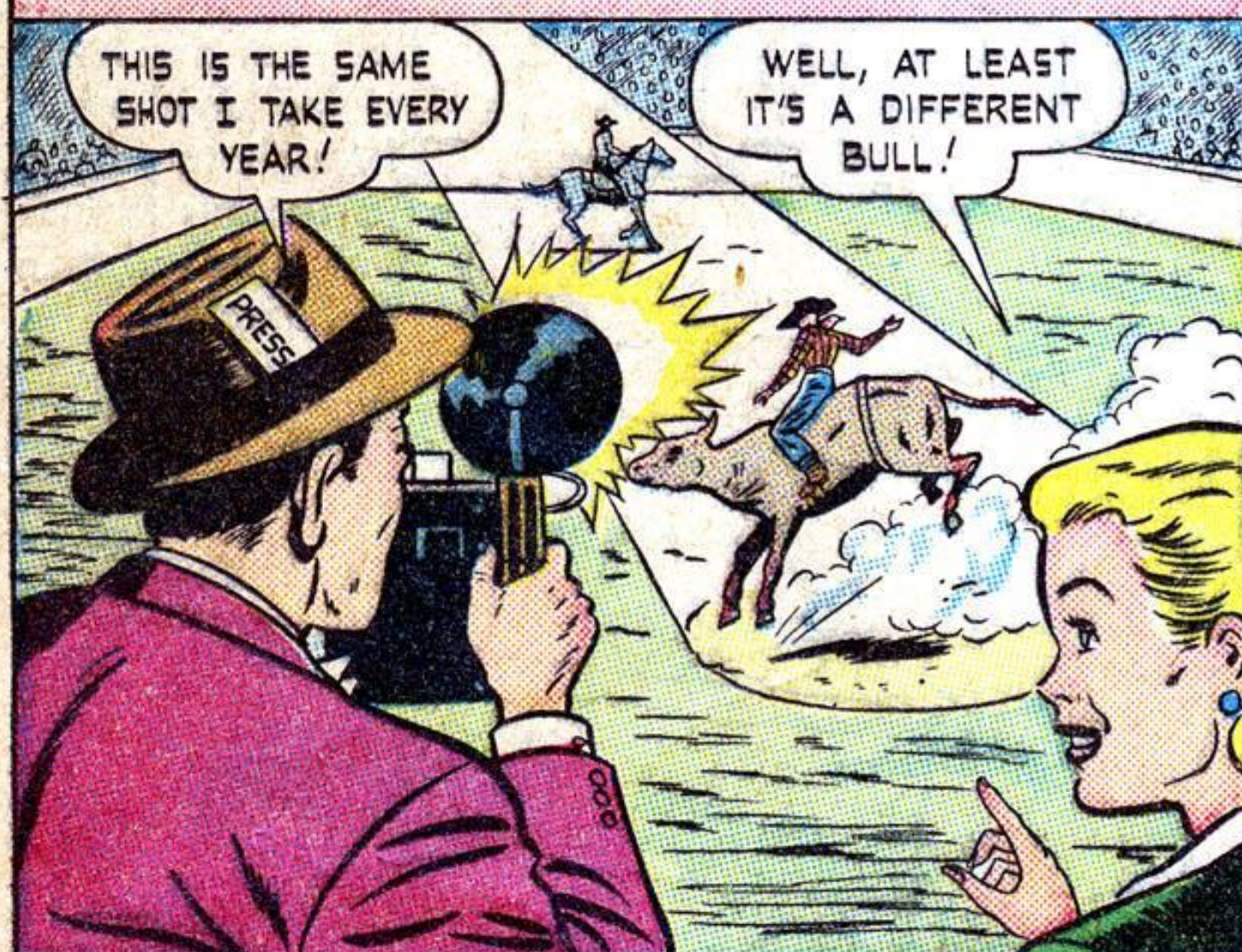
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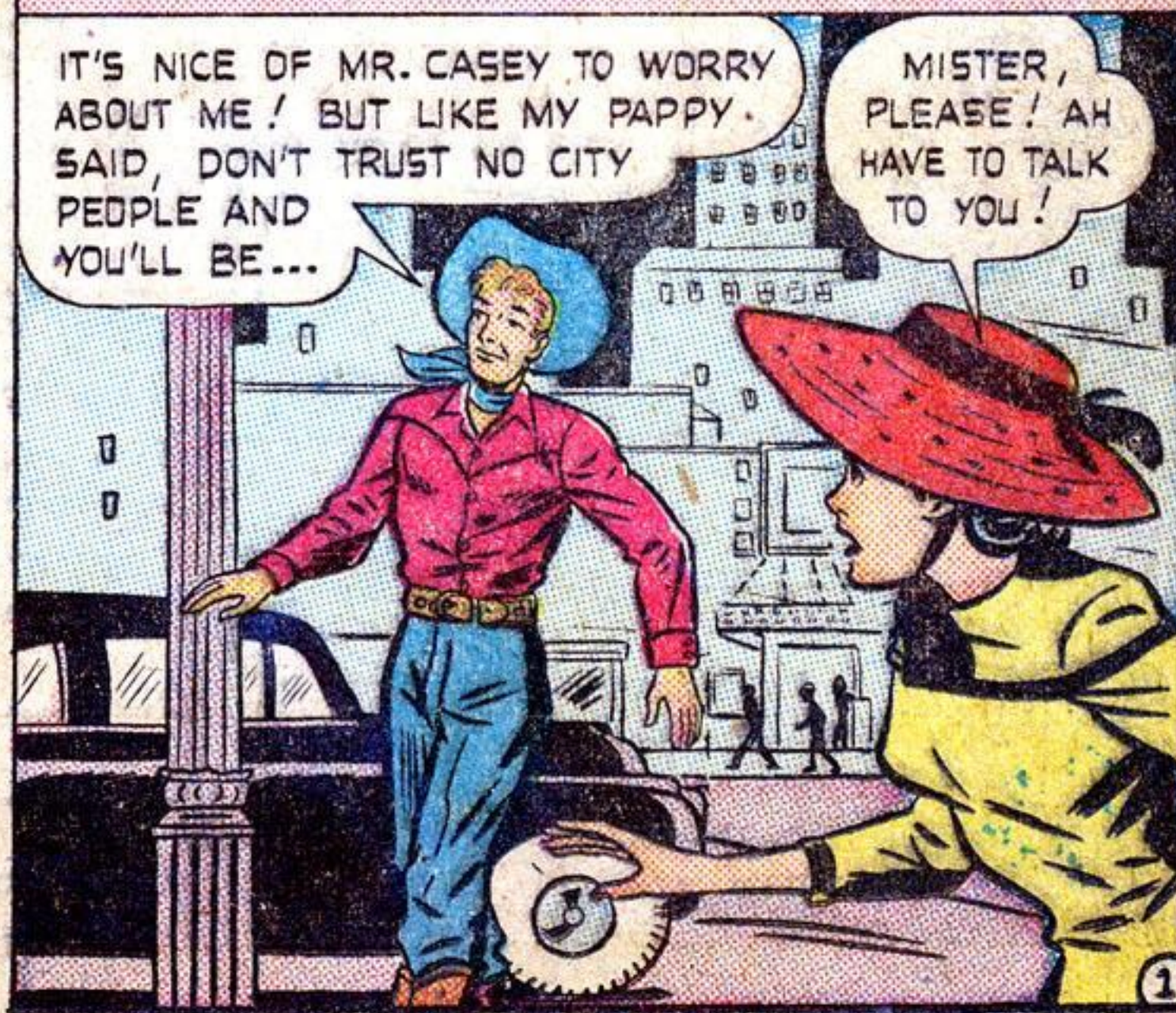
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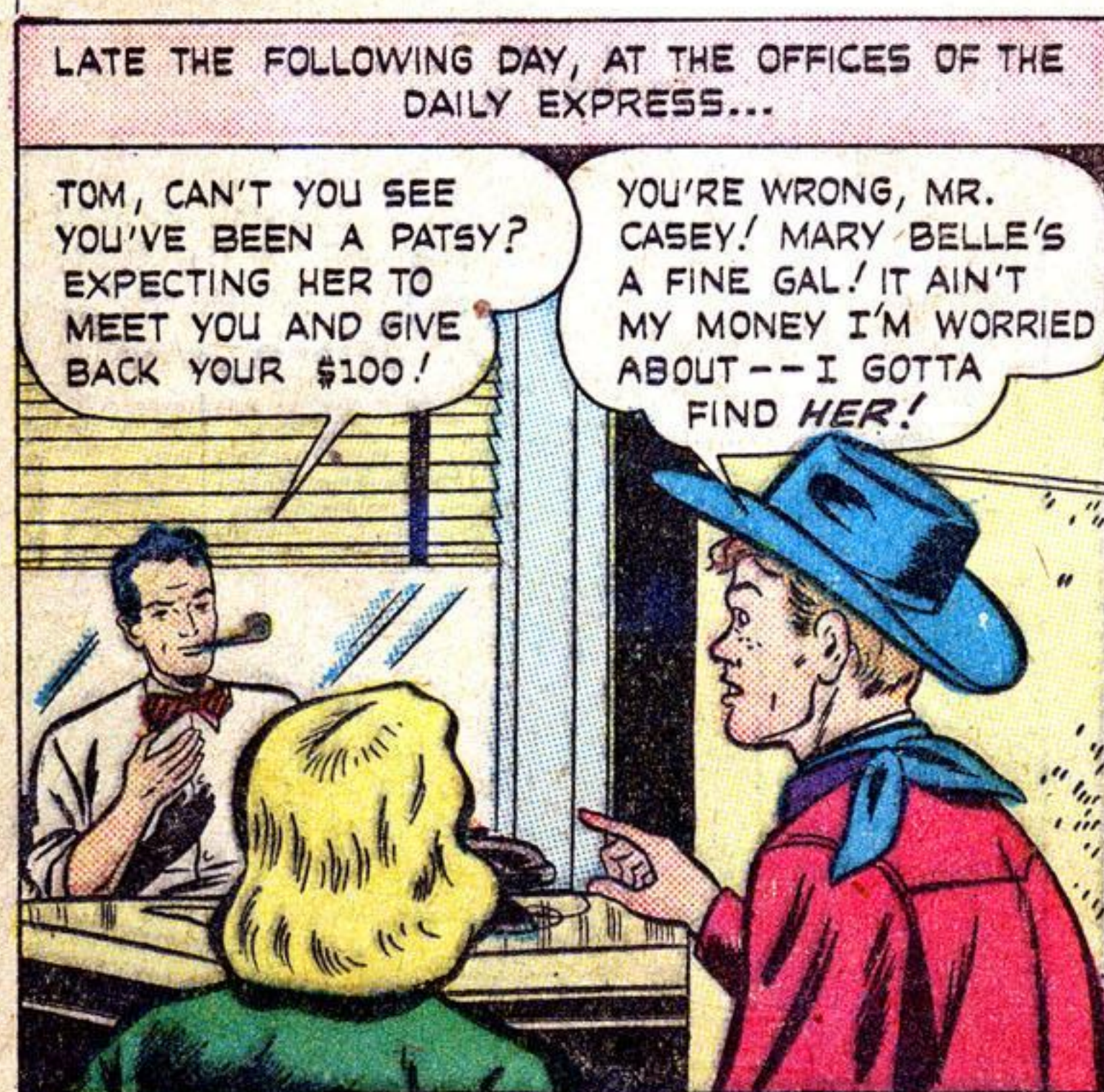


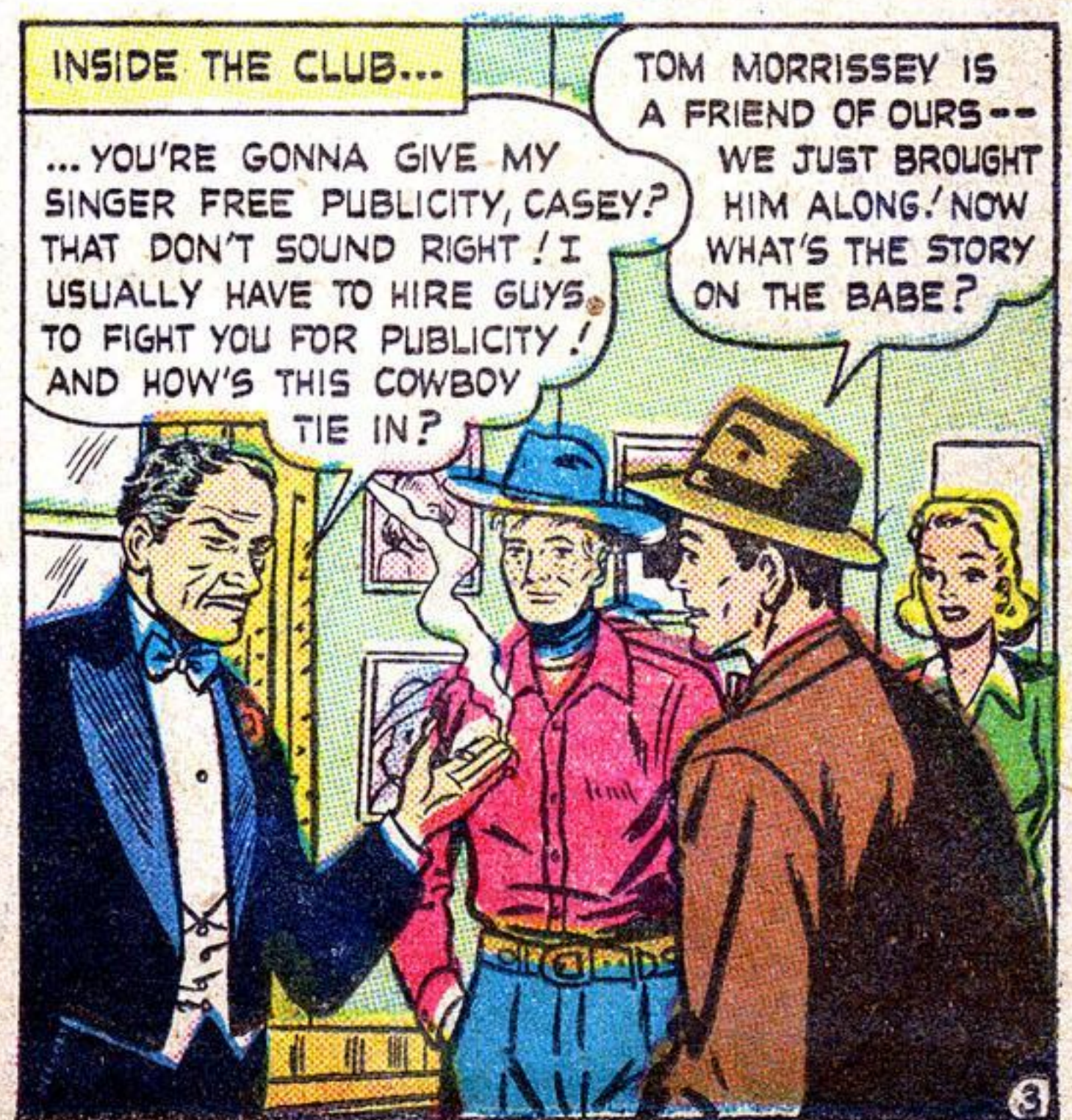
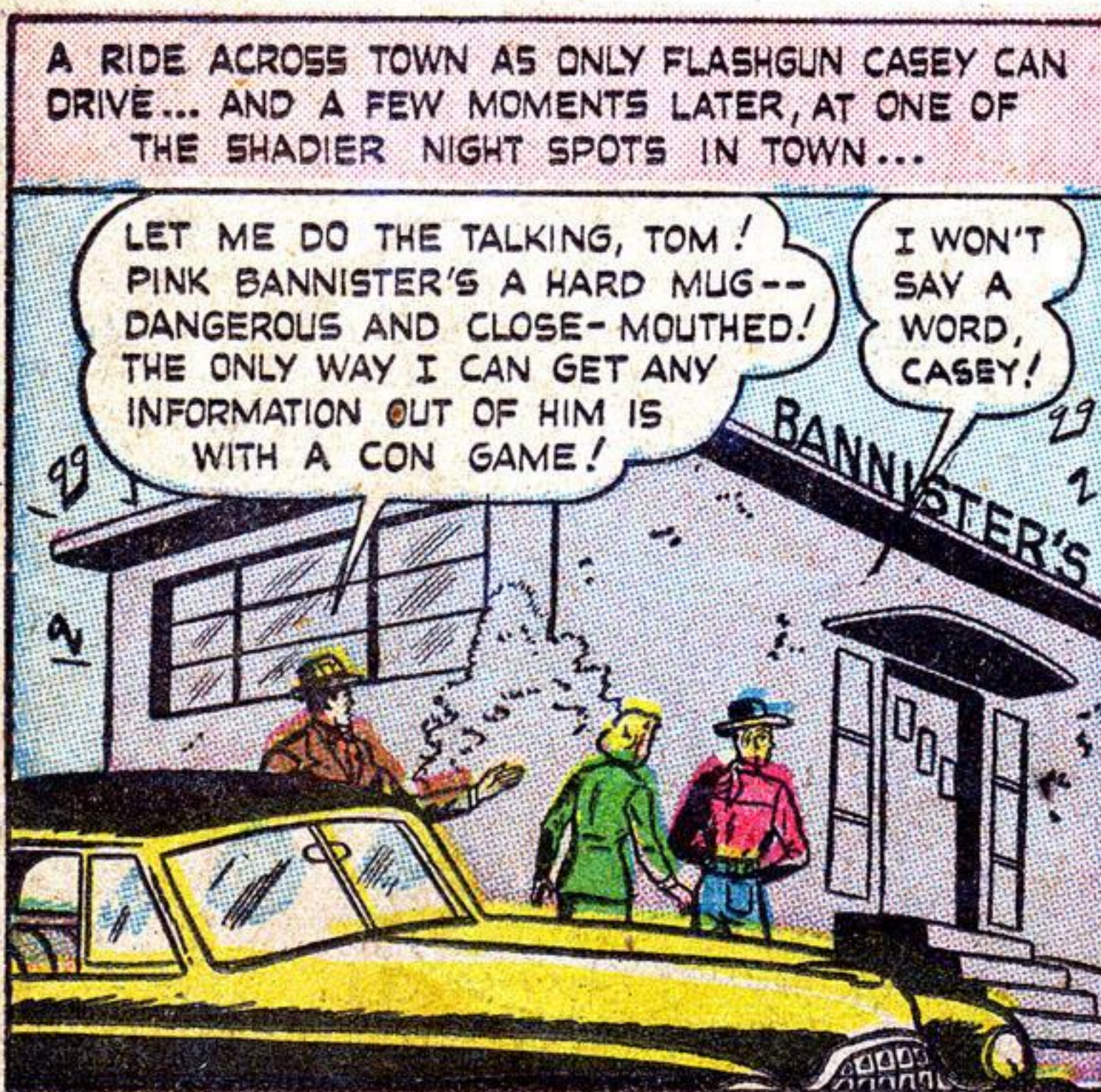
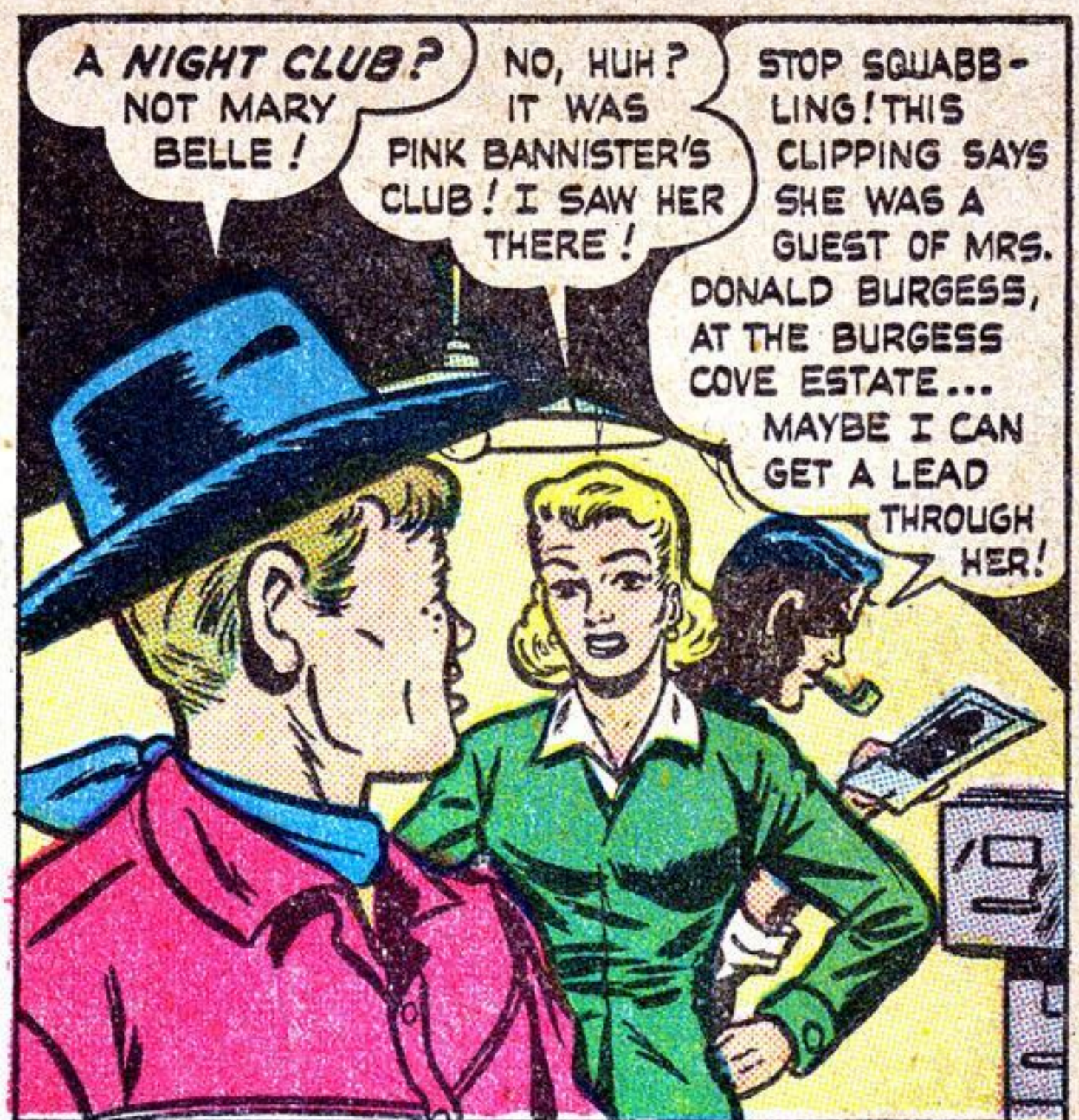
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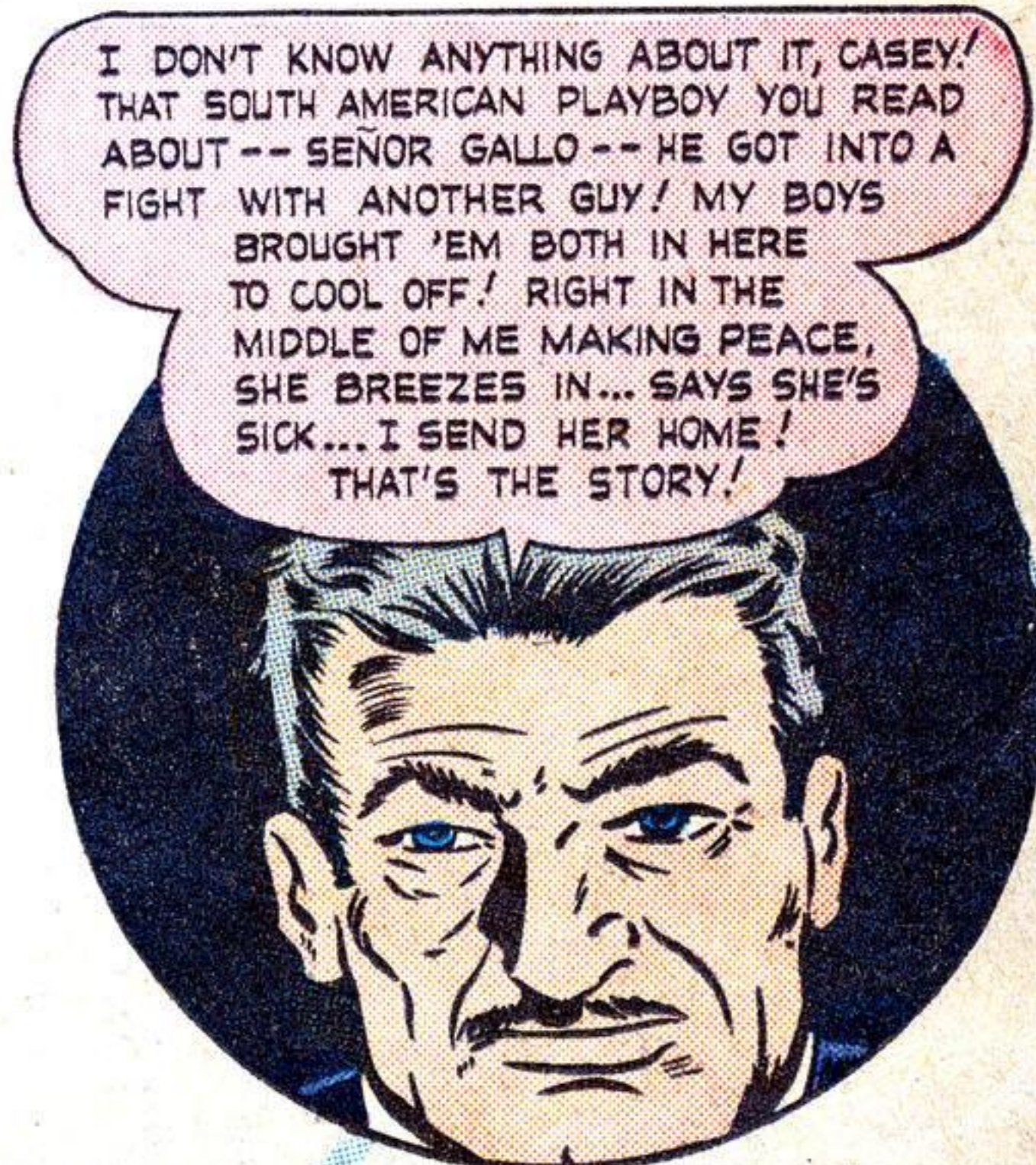


THE EVENING SHOW OVER, BRONCO-BUSTER TOM MORRISSEY INDULGES HIS FAVORITE OFF-HOURS PASTIME -- EXPLORING THE CITY!









AT THE HOTEL, HOWEVER, THE RESULTS ARE DISAPPOINTING...

I'M AFRAID SHE DIDN'T COME IN AT ALL LAST NIGHT, SIR! AND AS FOR ANYTHING ELSE I MIGHT BE ABLE TO TELL YOU -- WE REALLY DON'T KNOW A THING ABOUT HER!

UH-HUH! I FIGURED THIS MIGHT BE A WASTE OF TIME!

MONTROSE HOTEL

SAY! THAT GUY GETTING INTO THE CAR UP AHEAD OF US -- NOTICE ANYTHING FUNNY, ANN?

YOU'RE RIGHT, CASEY-- THAT CAR WAS BEHIND US WHEN WE DROVE HERE! AND THE MAN GETTING INTO IT IS ONE OF PINK BANNISTER'S BOUNCERS!

SHREWDLY, THE ACE CAMERAMAN MANEUVERS HIS PURSUER INTO THE OPEN...

HE'S ON OUR TRAIL ALL RIGHT, FLASH!

WE MAY BE CLOSER TO INFORMATION ON MARY BELLE WARREN THAN WE FIGURED! I'LL LEAD THAT GUY TO A SPOT HE WON'T LIKE AT ALL!

THROUGH THE CITY ROARS THE GRIM CHASE... THEN OUT TO A WINDING SUBURBAN LANE!

CASEY, HE'S RIGHT BEHIND US!

GET READY FOR ACTION, TOM! BOTH OF YOU BRACE YOURSELVES -- I'M SKOVING ON THE BRAKES **HARD!**

NEXT MOMENT...

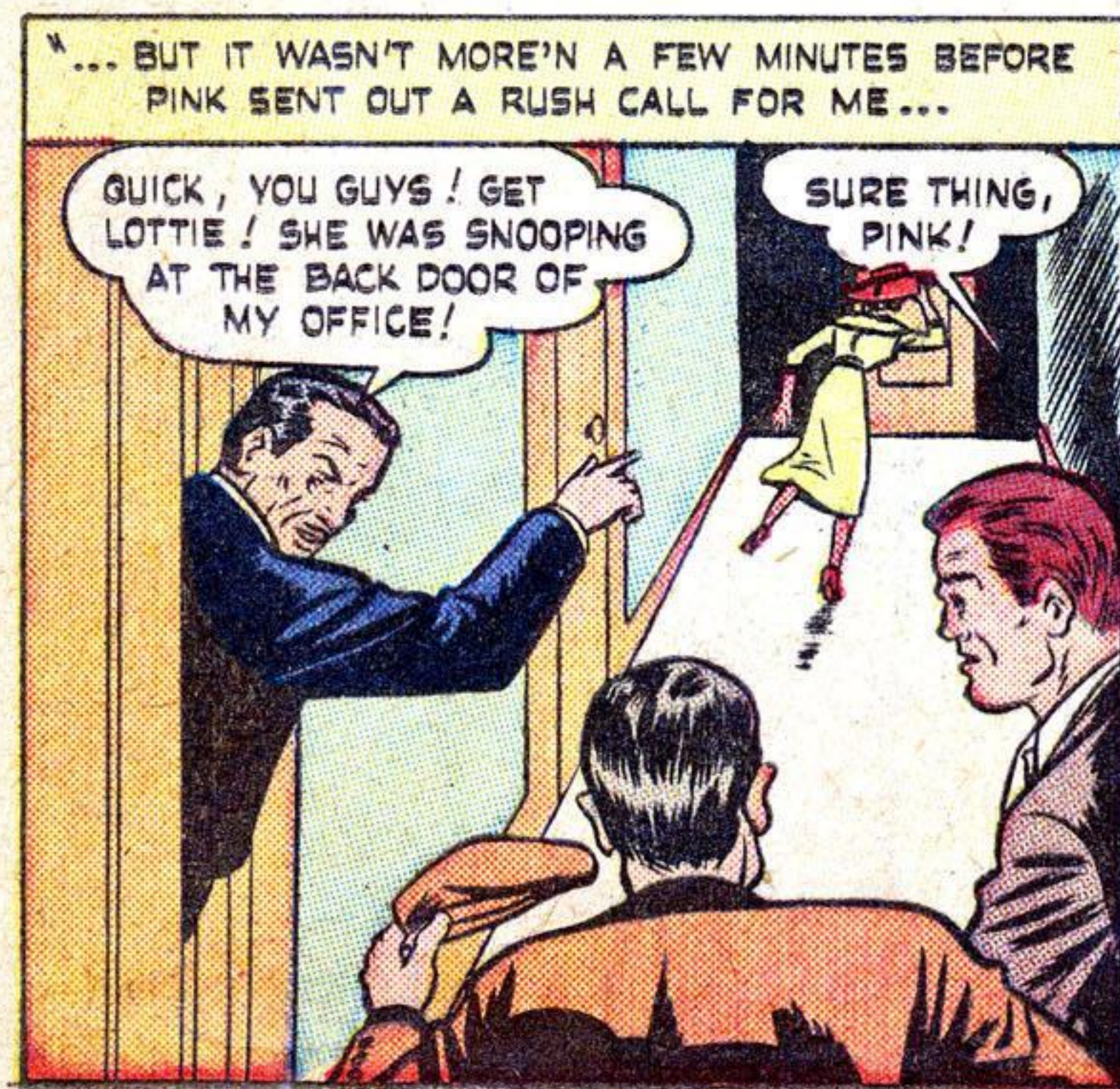
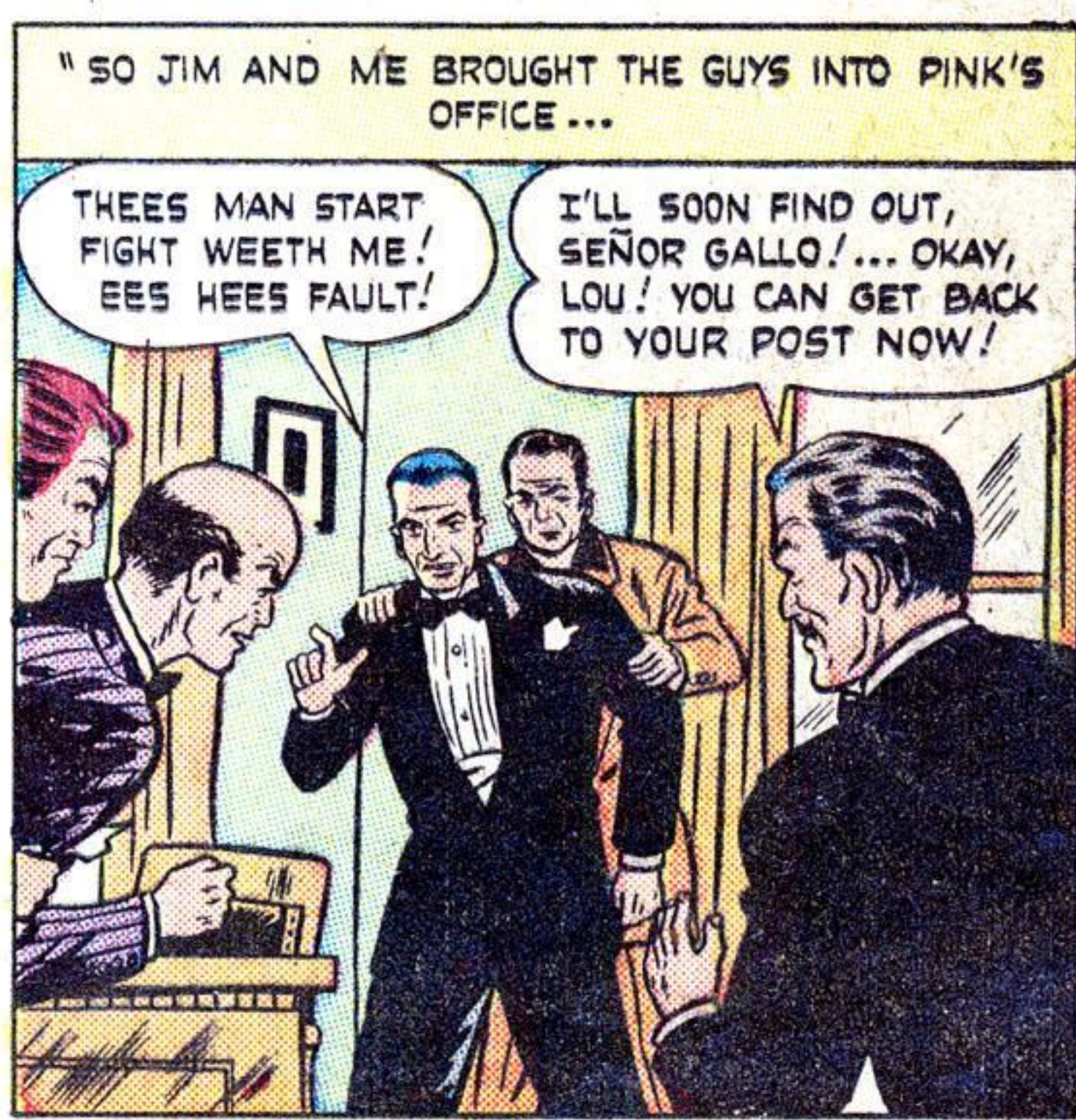
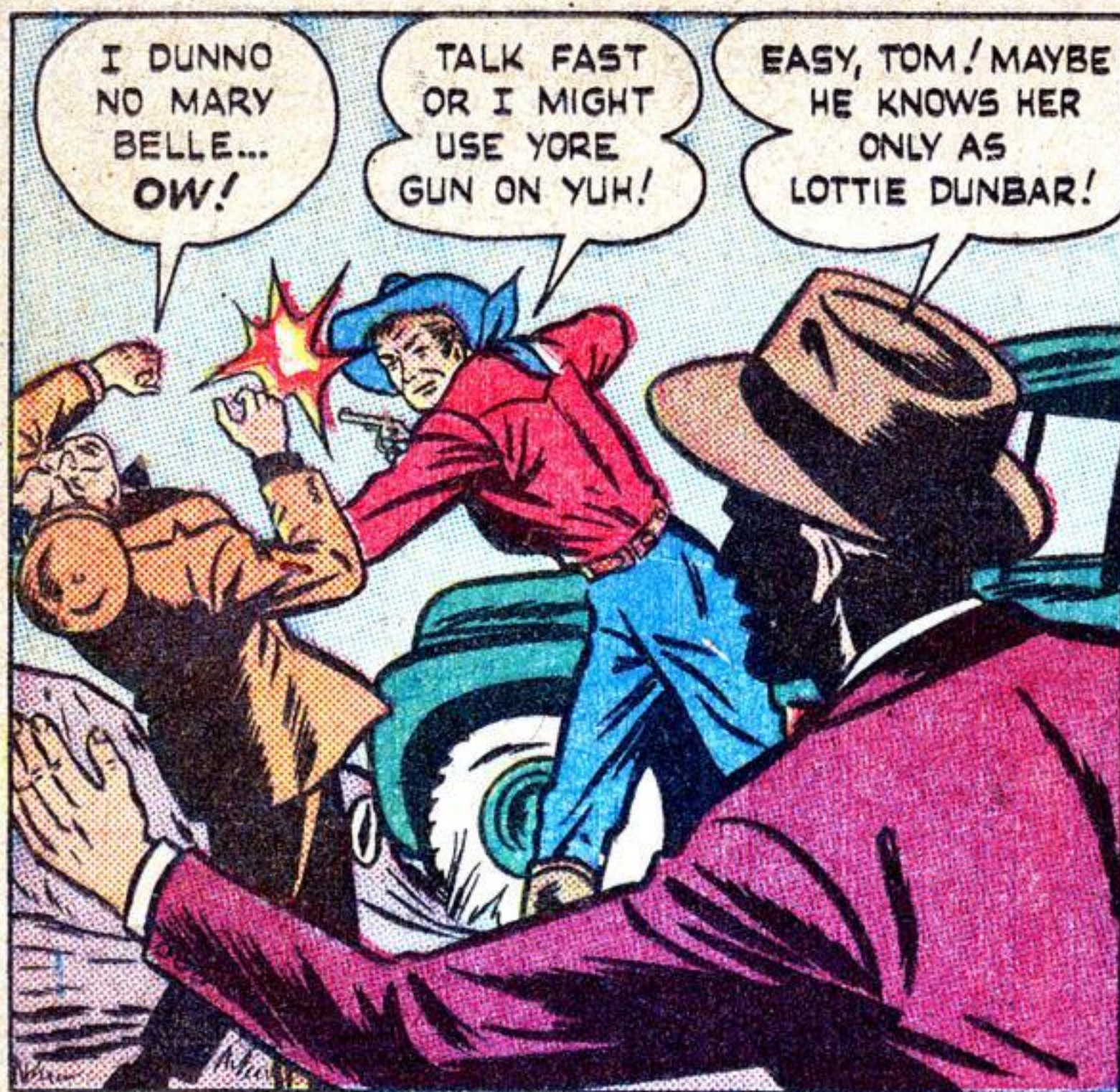
SMART THINKING, FLASH! YOU FORCED HIM INTO THE DITCH TO AVOID HITTING US!

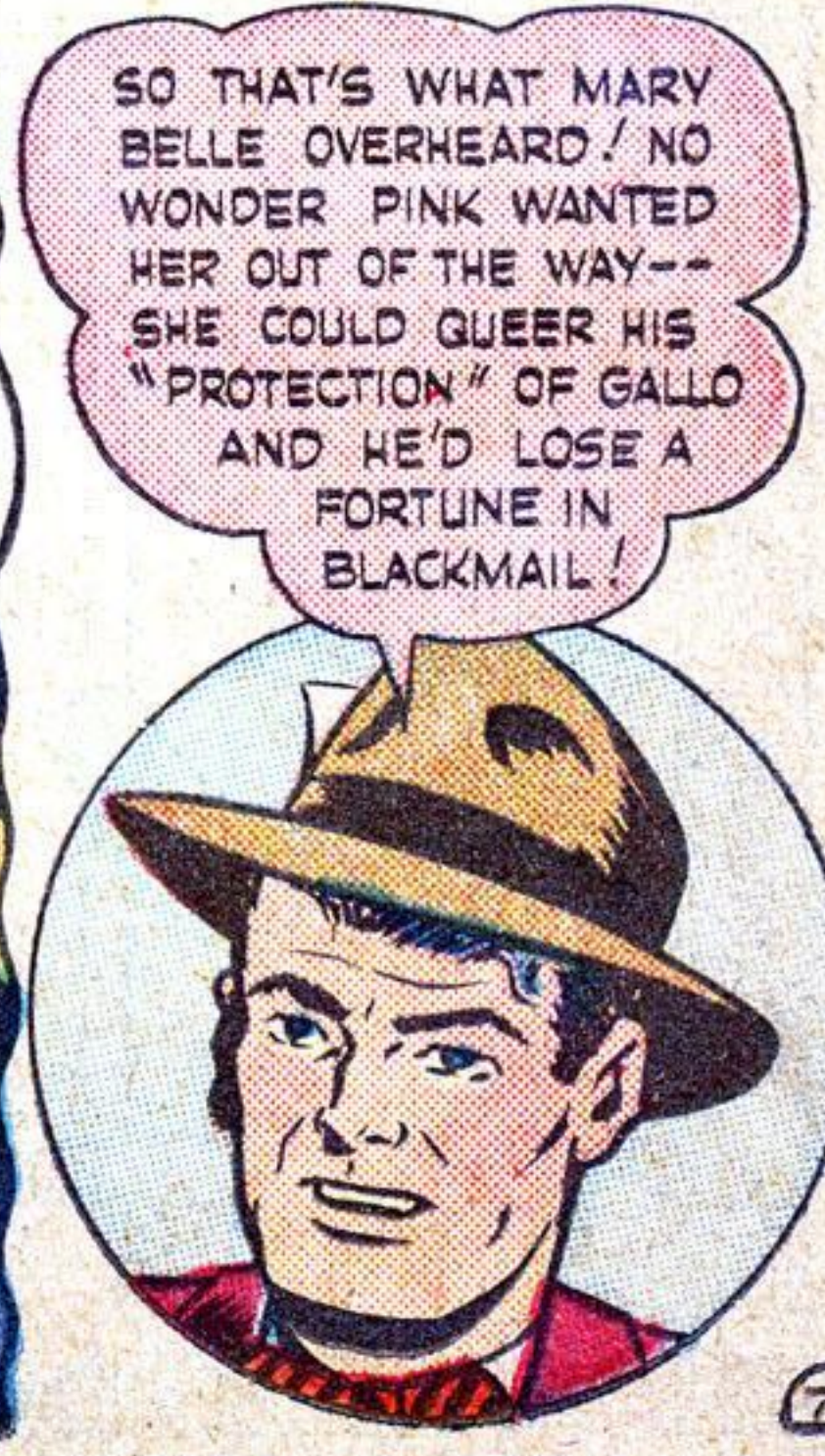
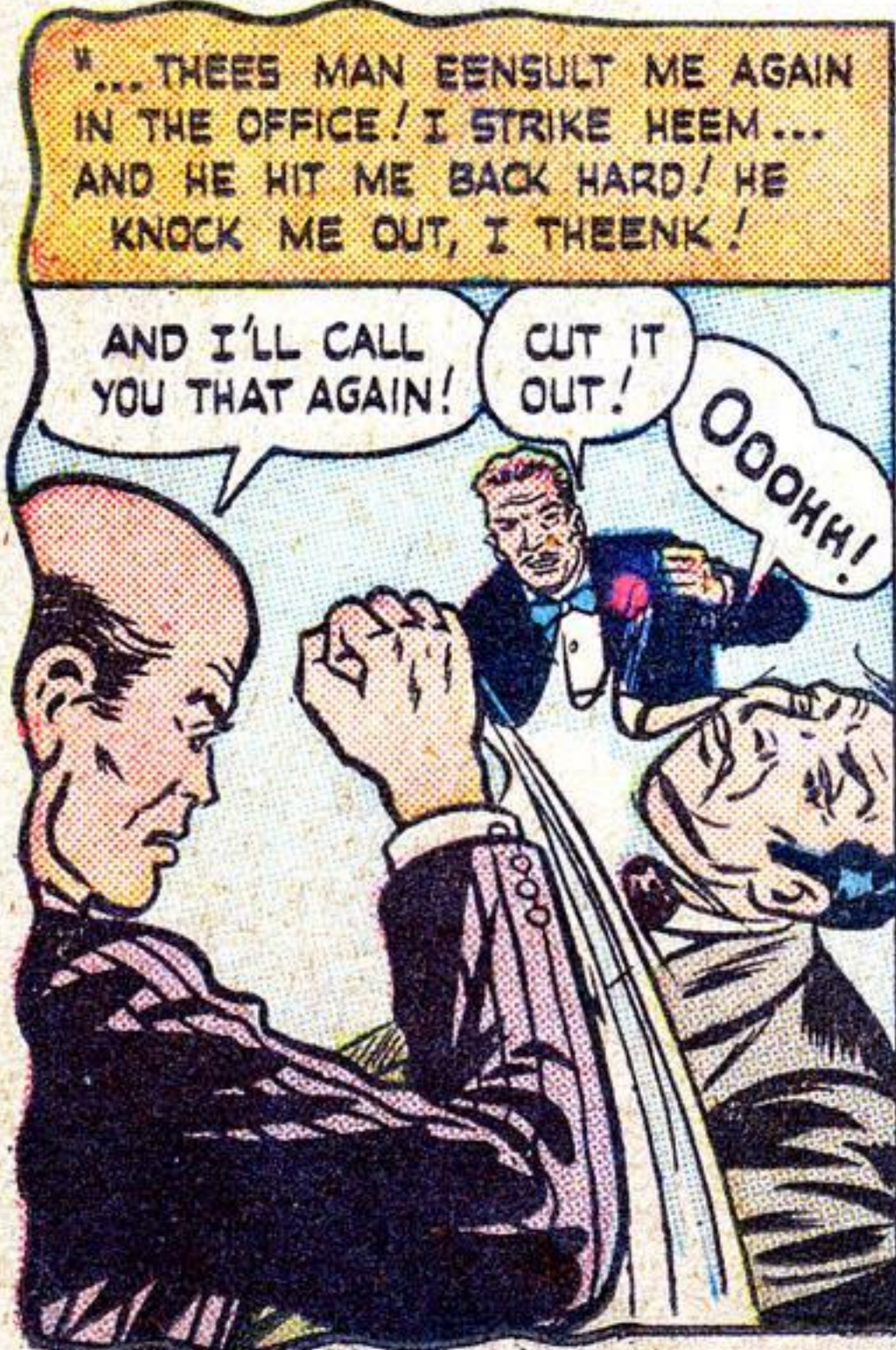
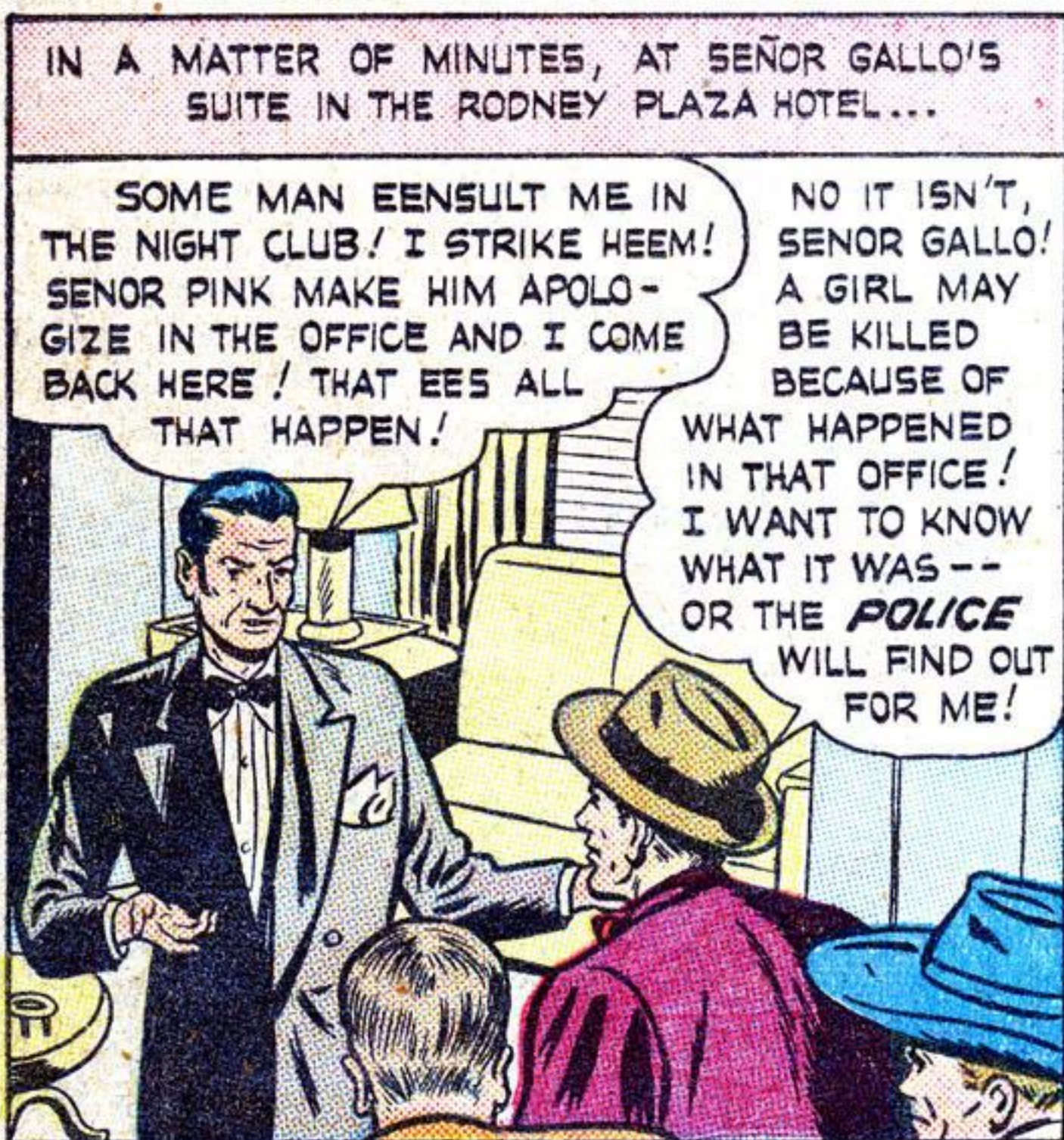
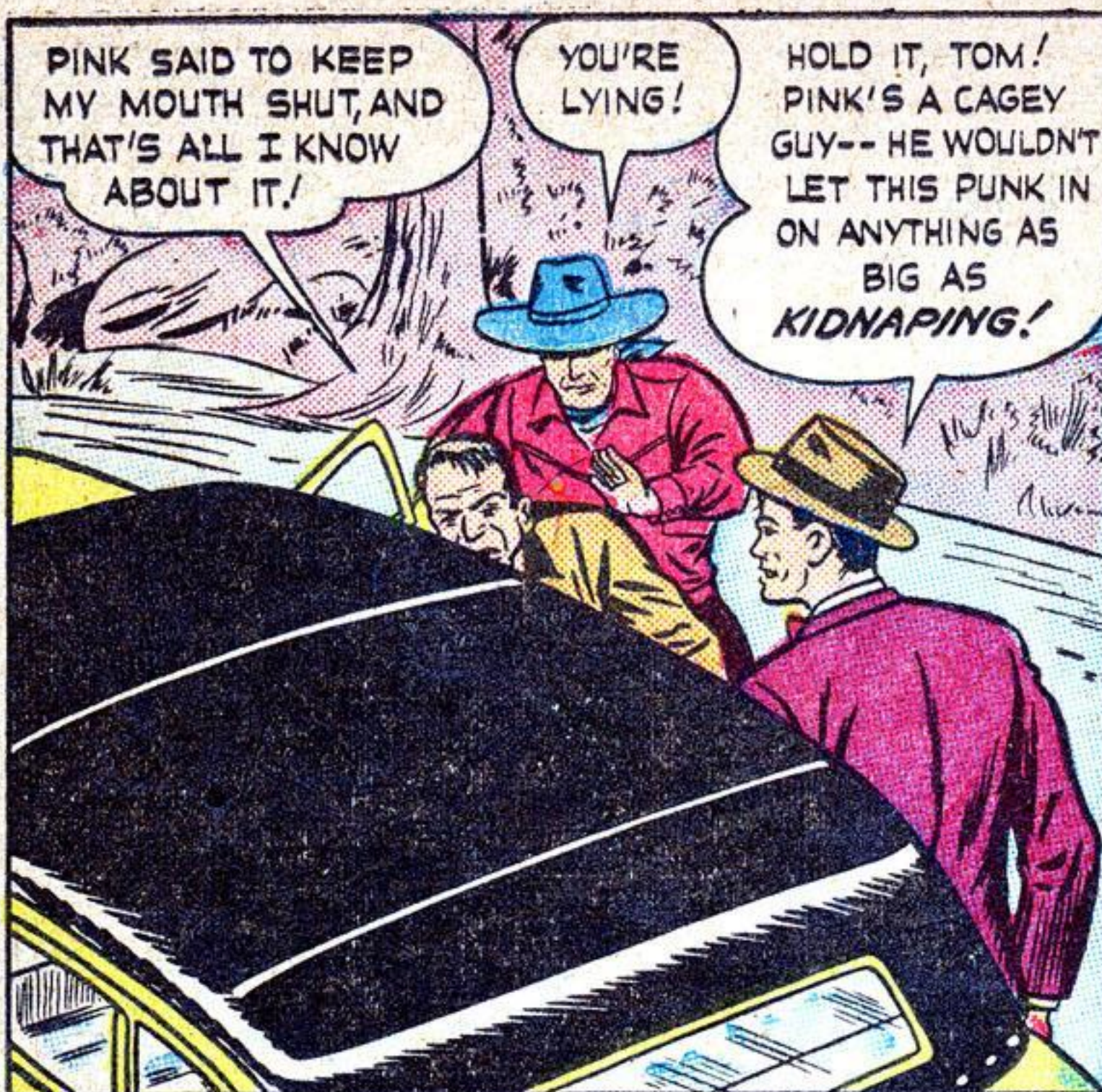
ALL RIGHT, TOM-- LET'S GET HIM!

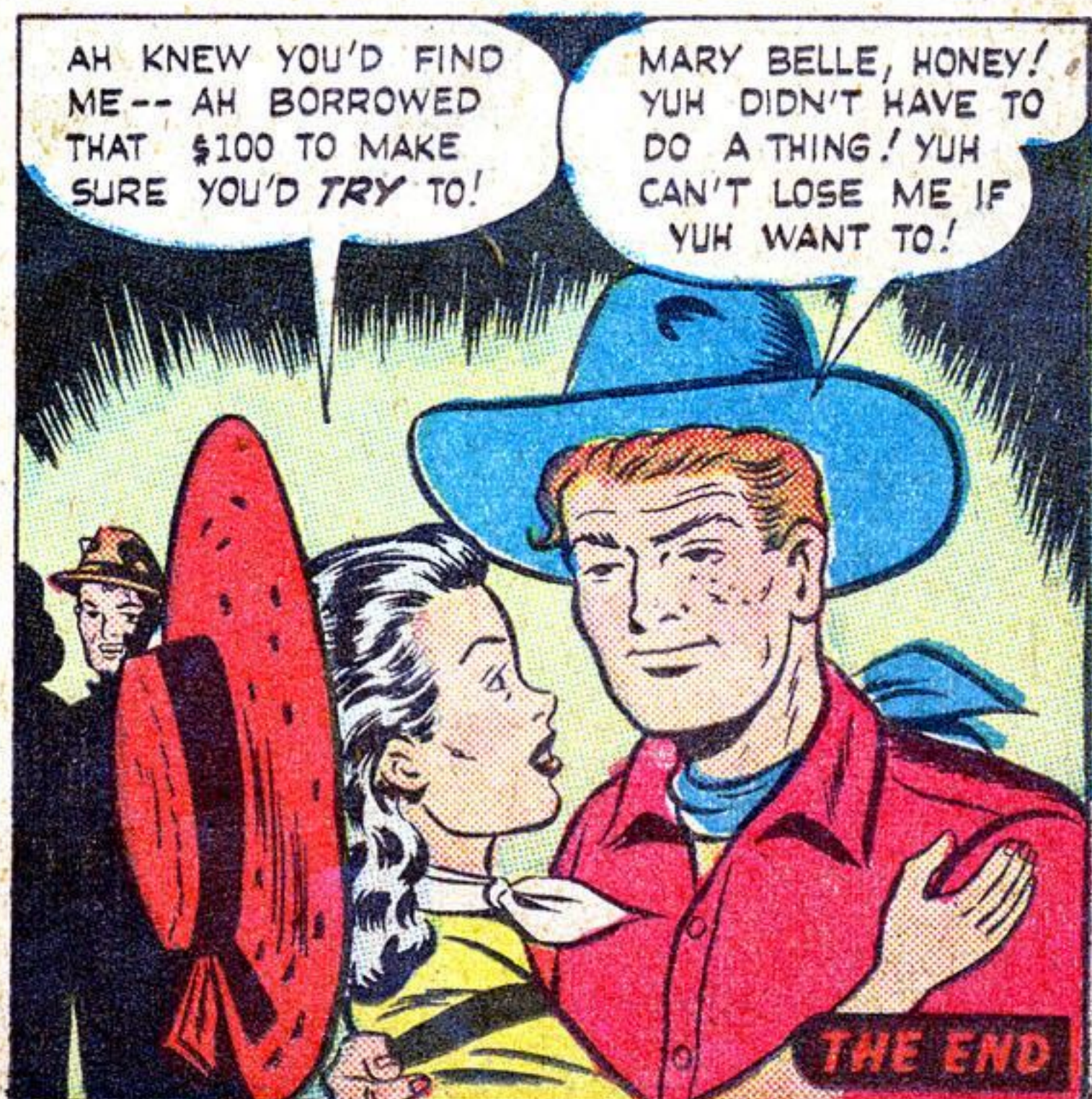
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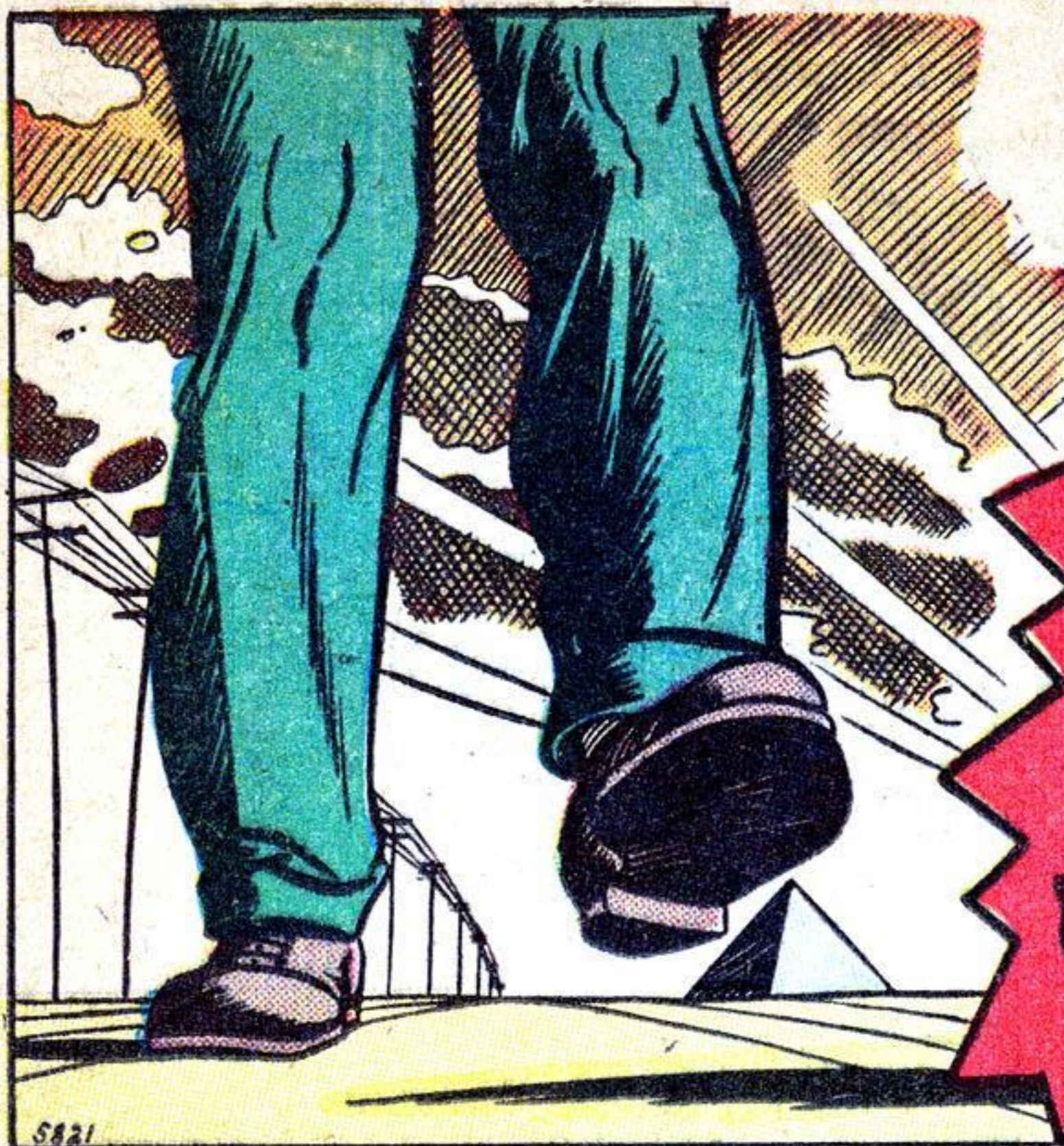
GRAB THAT GUN OUT OF HIS SHOULDER HOLSTER, TOM!

HE'S GONNA TELL US ABOUT MARY BELLE OR I'LL STOMP HIM FLAT!









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THEY WALKED WITH DANGER!

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I TURN NORTH ON THE HIGHWAY, FELLOWS, SO I'LL LET YOU OFF HERE!

THANKS A LOT FOR THE LIFT... SURE HELPED OUT A LOT!

I'LL SURE BE GLAD TO REACH THE PLANT-- MY MONEY IS ABOUT GONE!

ME TOO! FIVE HUNDRED MILES IS A LONG WAY TO GO FOR A JOB!



HERE COMES A CAR, HARRY! GET YOUR THUMB OUT!

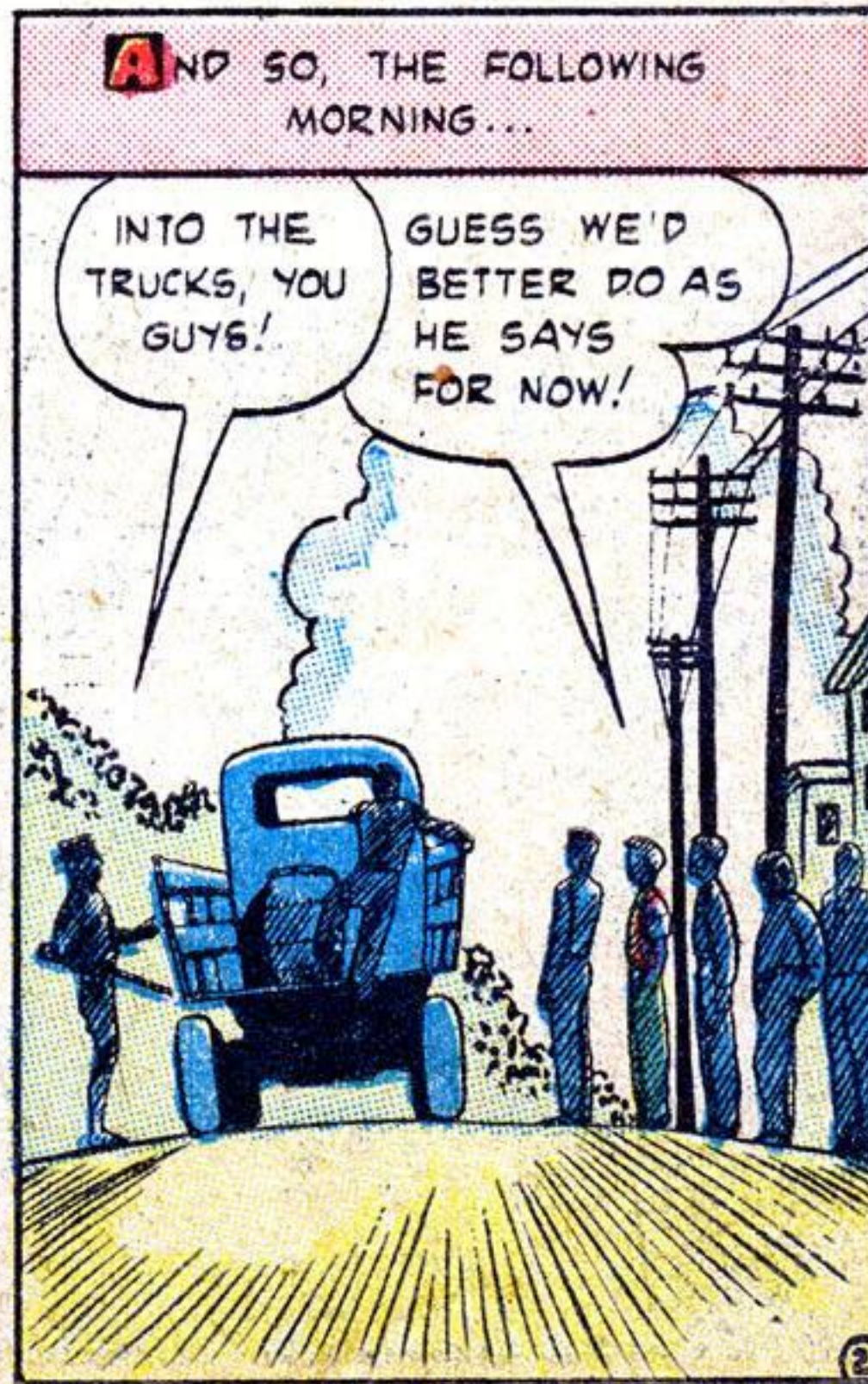
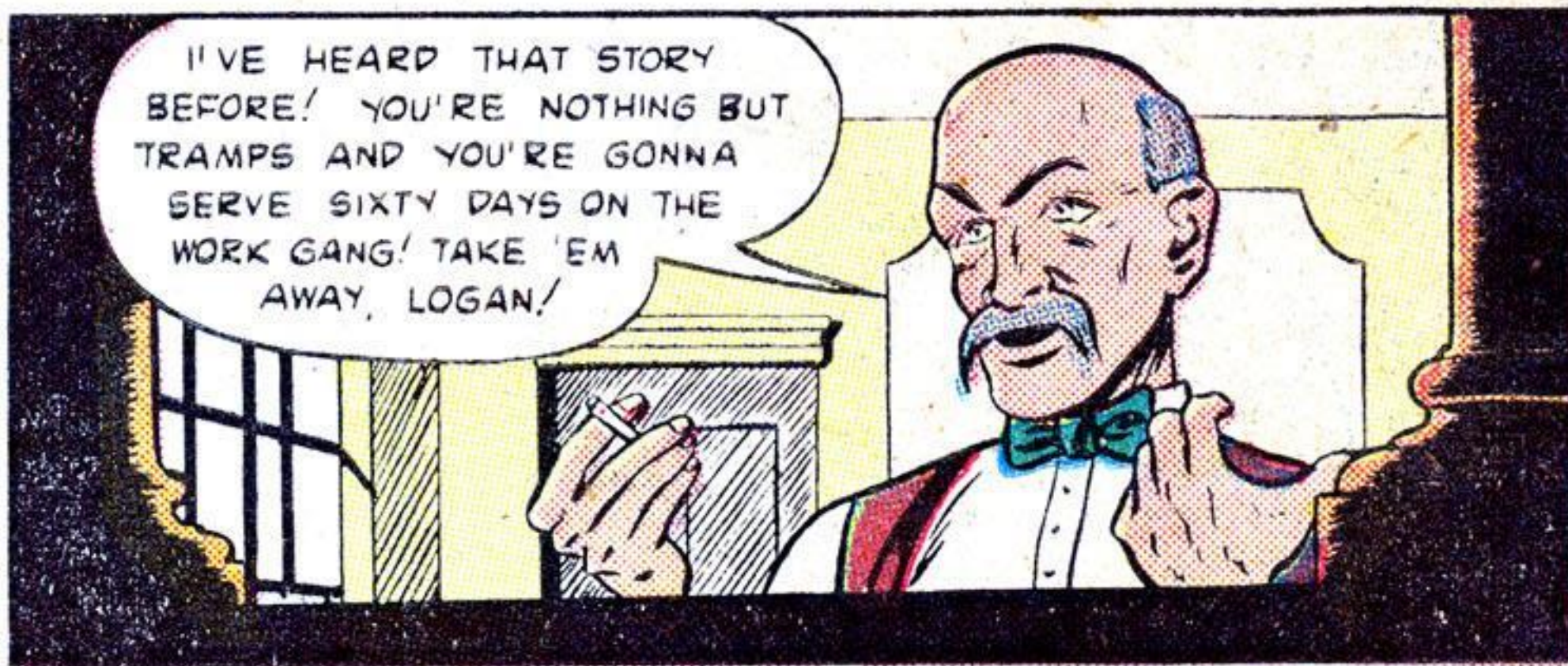
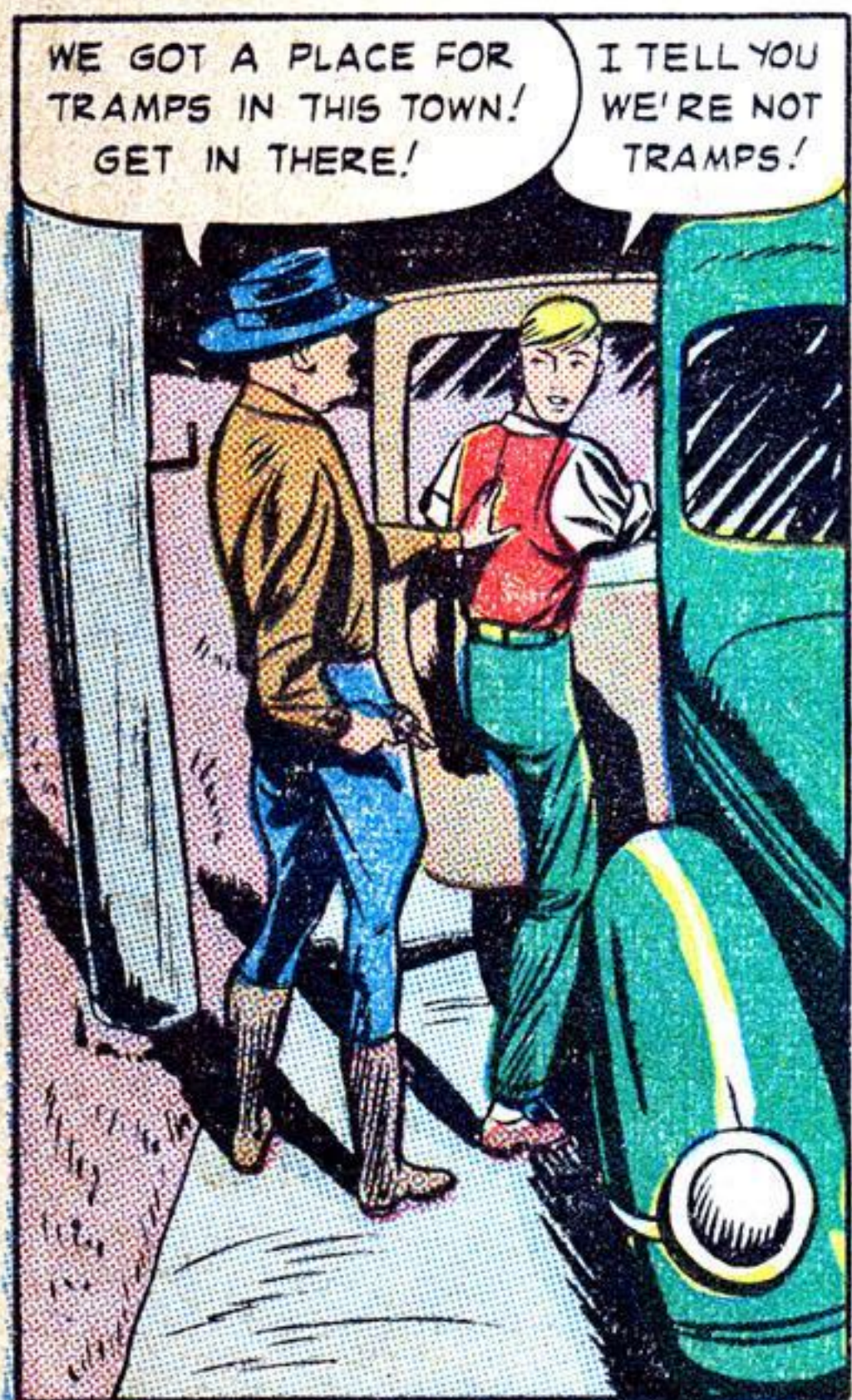
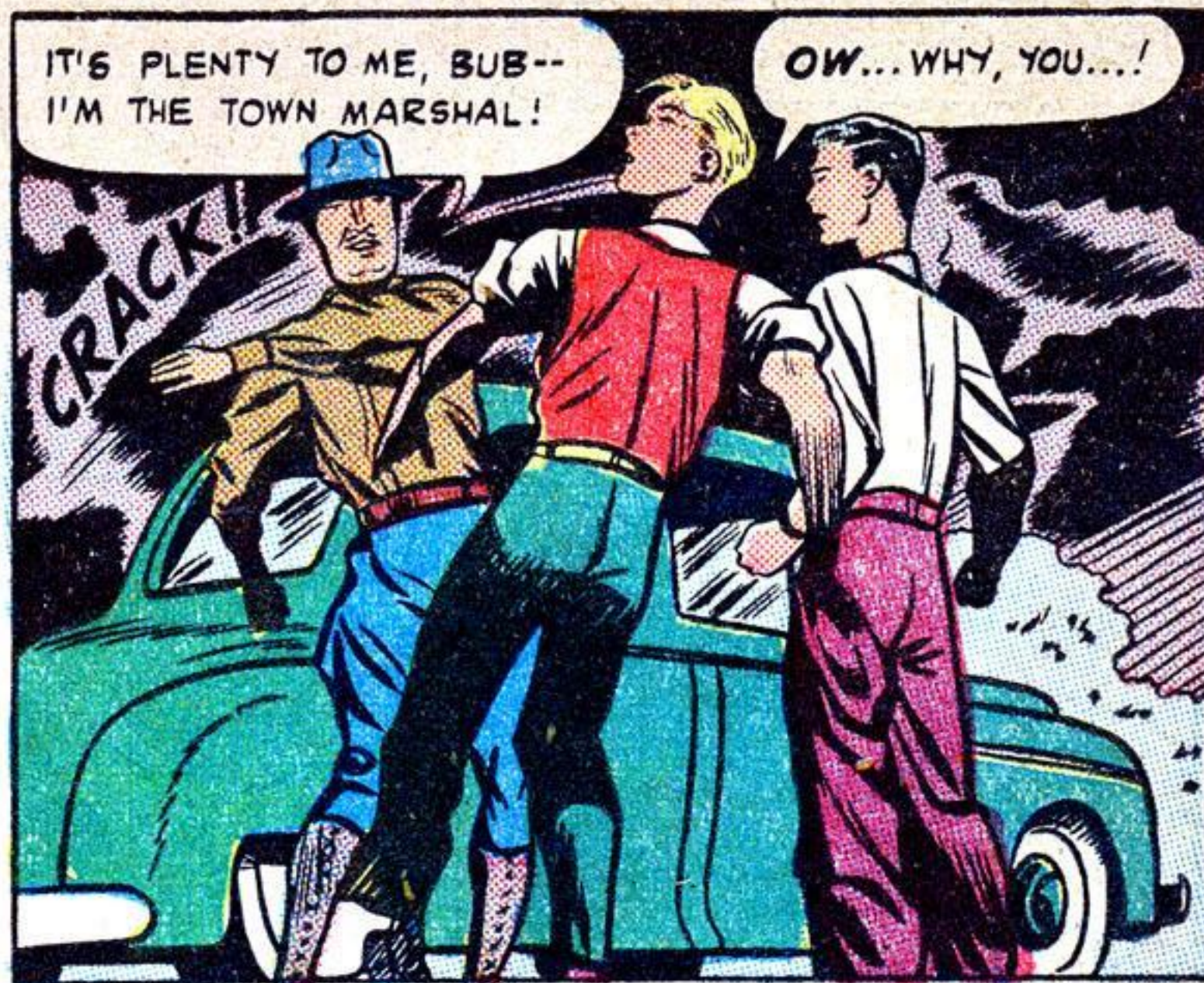
I THINK HE'S GOING TO STOP, ALLEN!

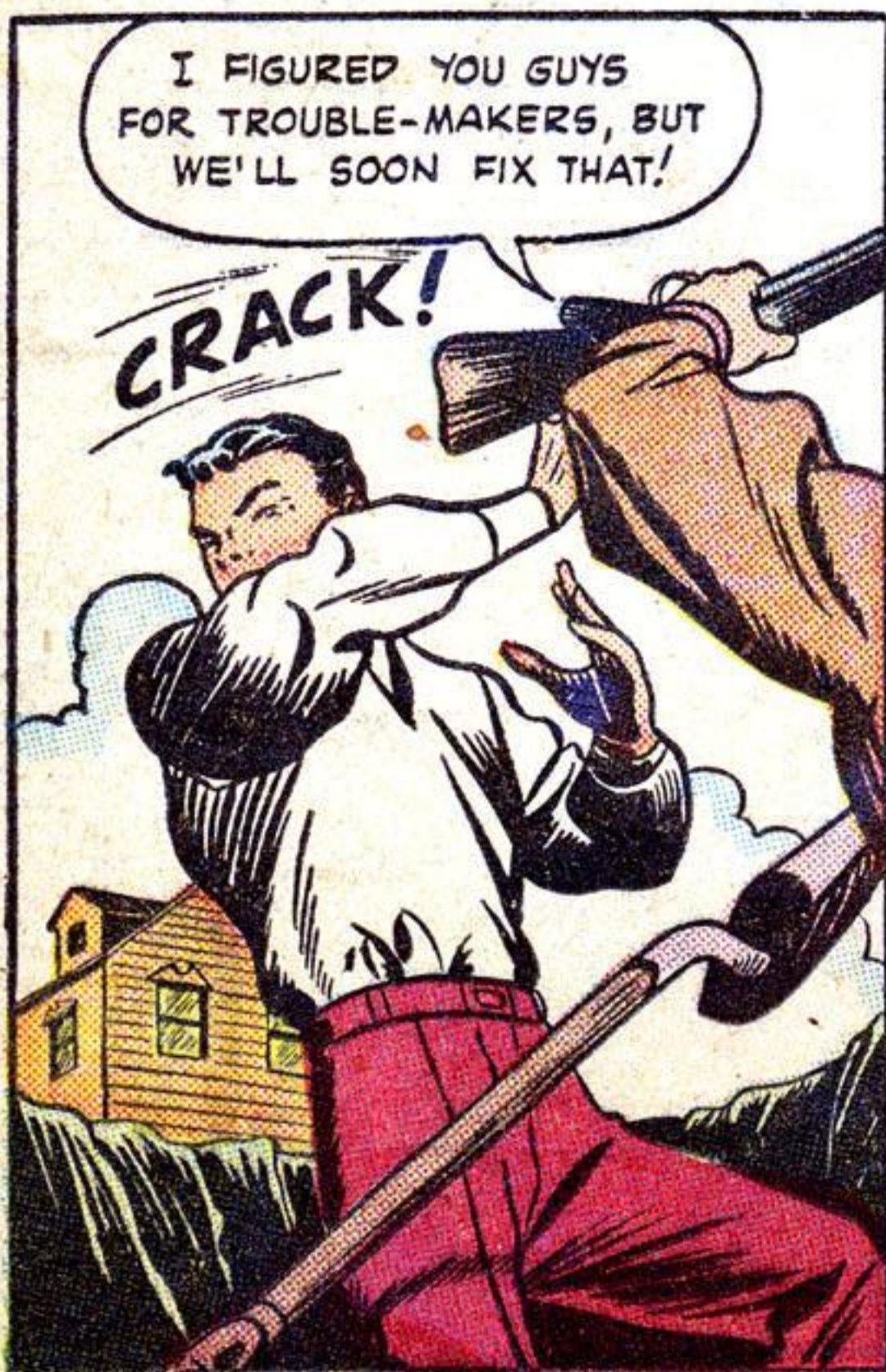
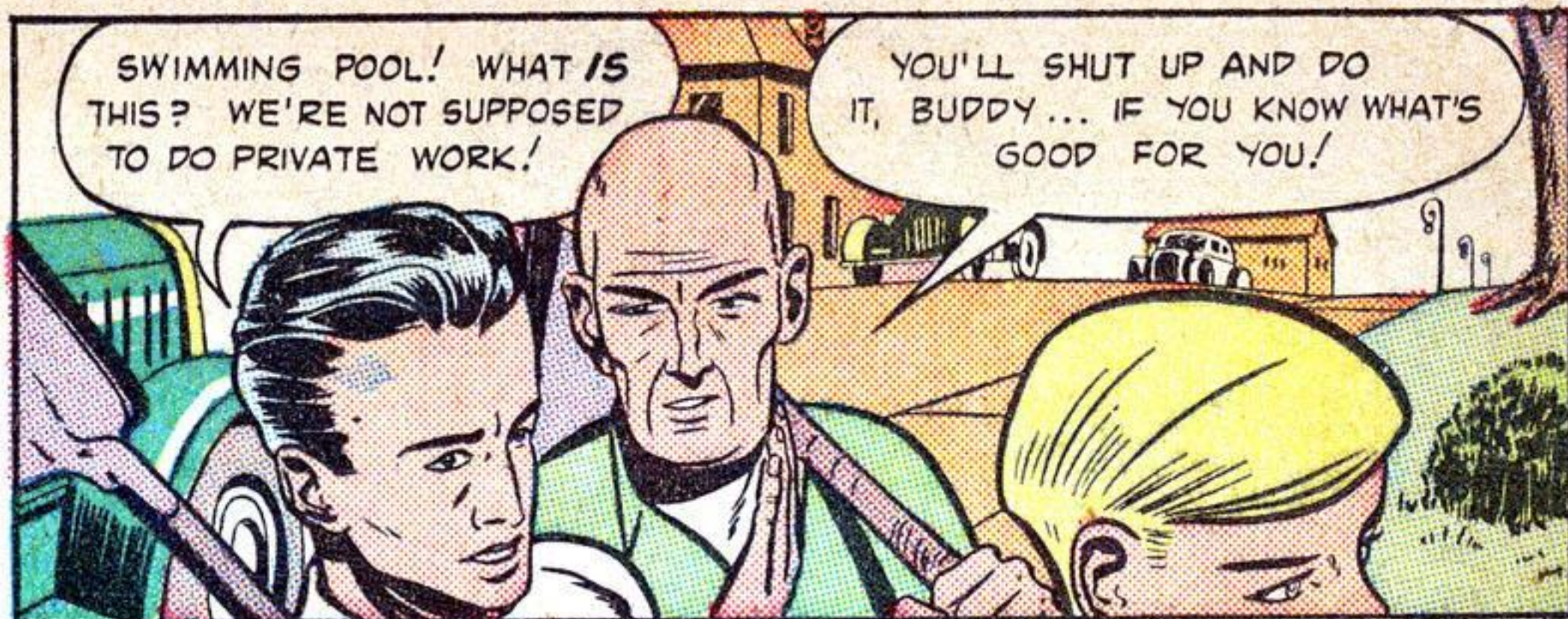
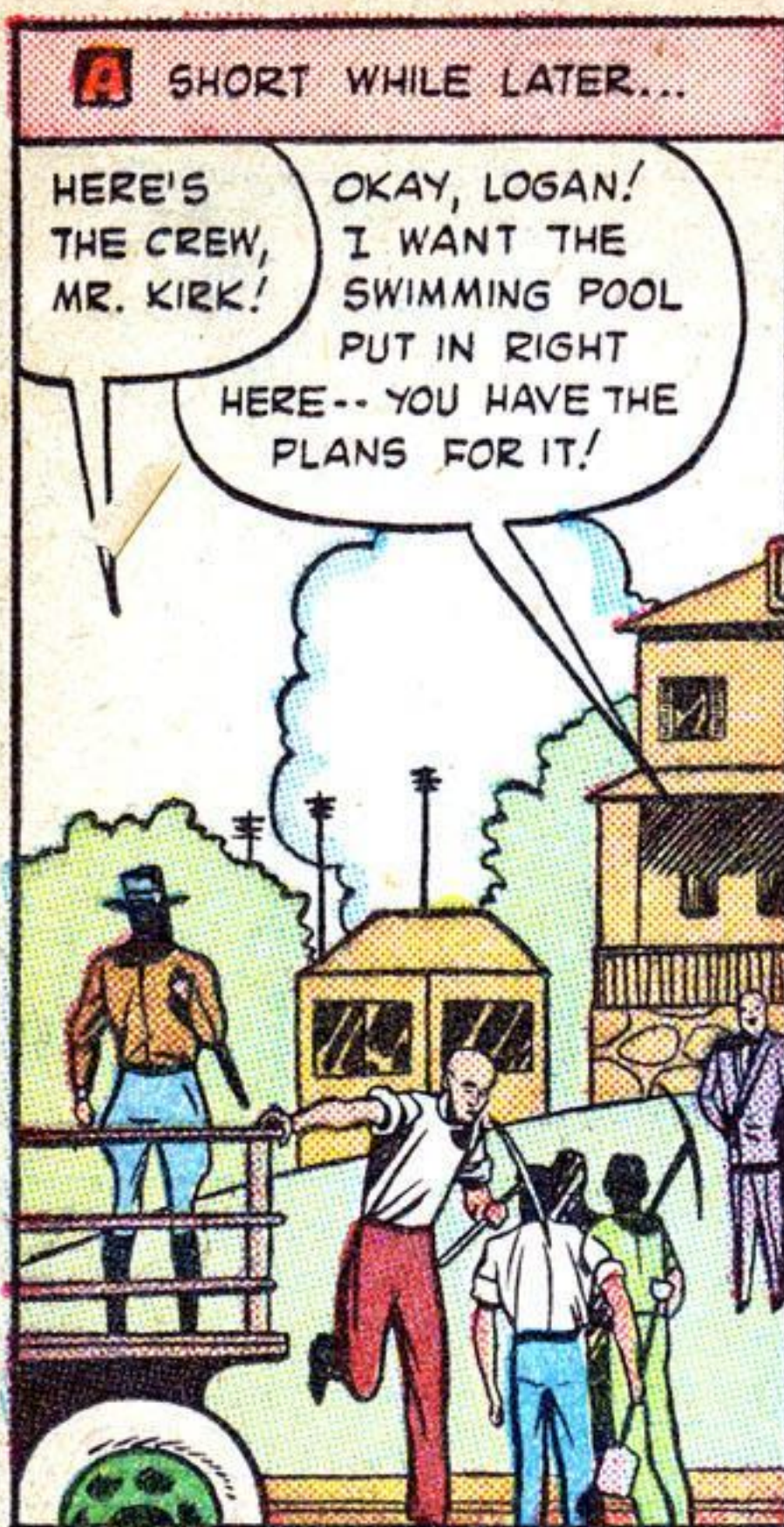


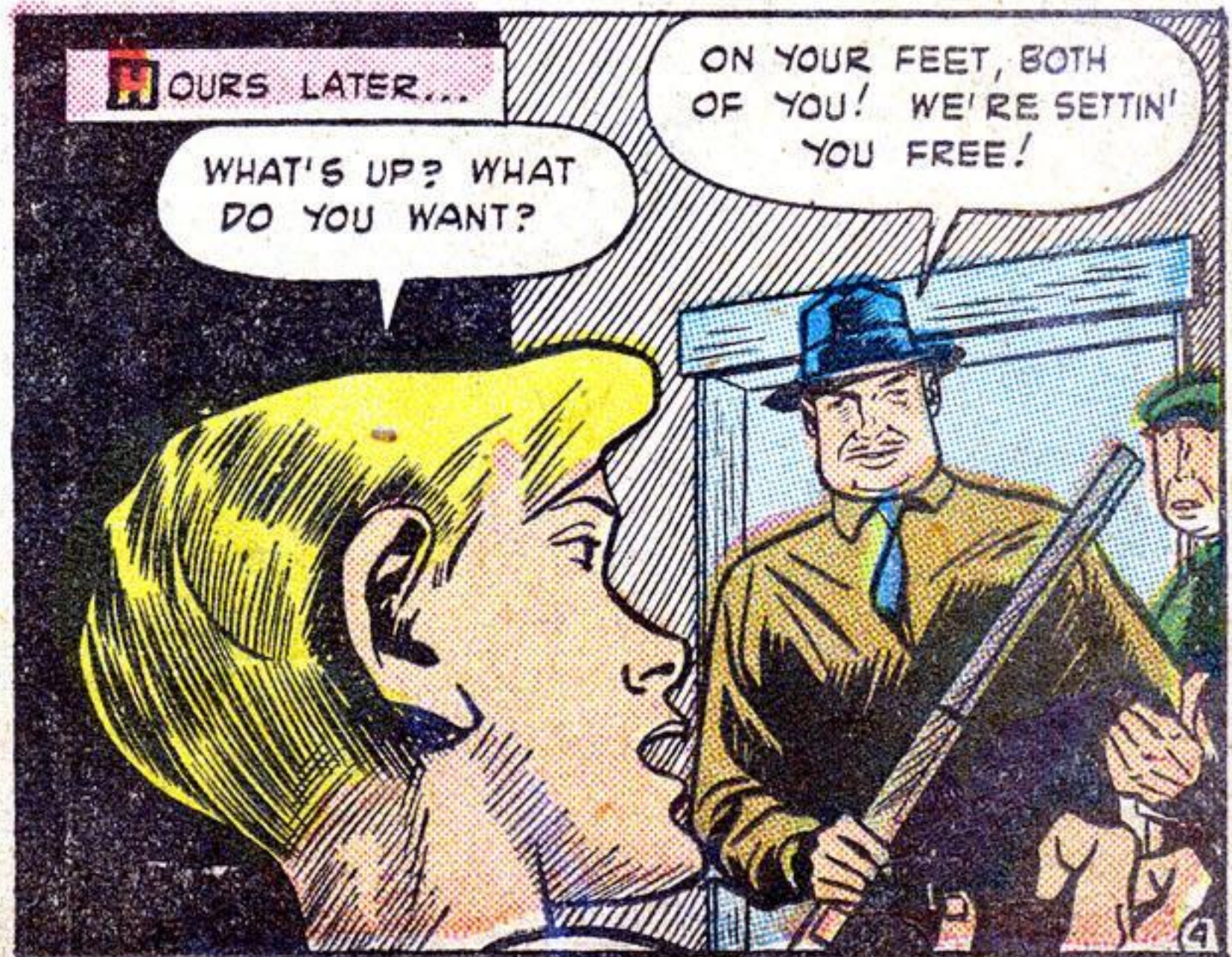
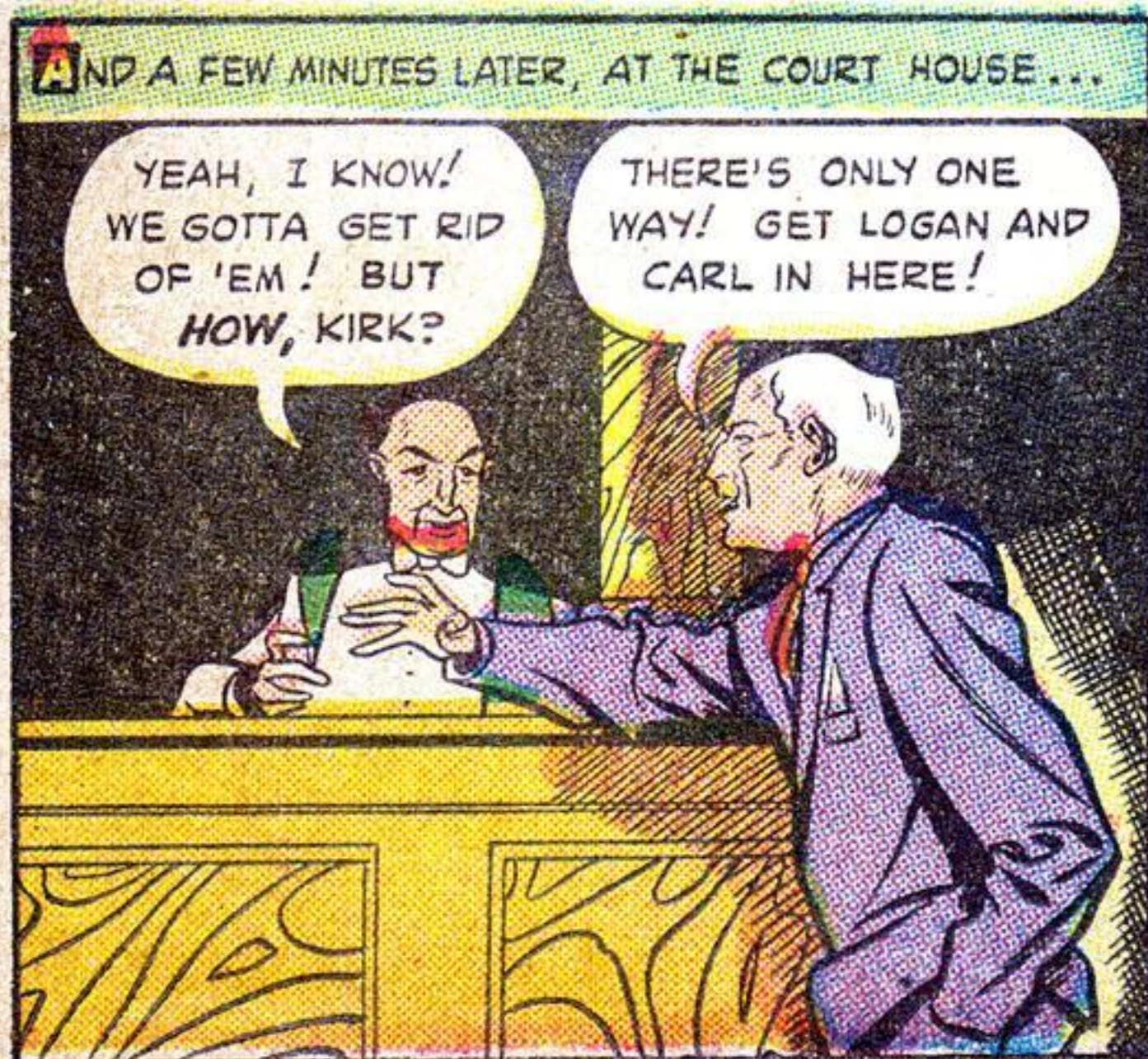
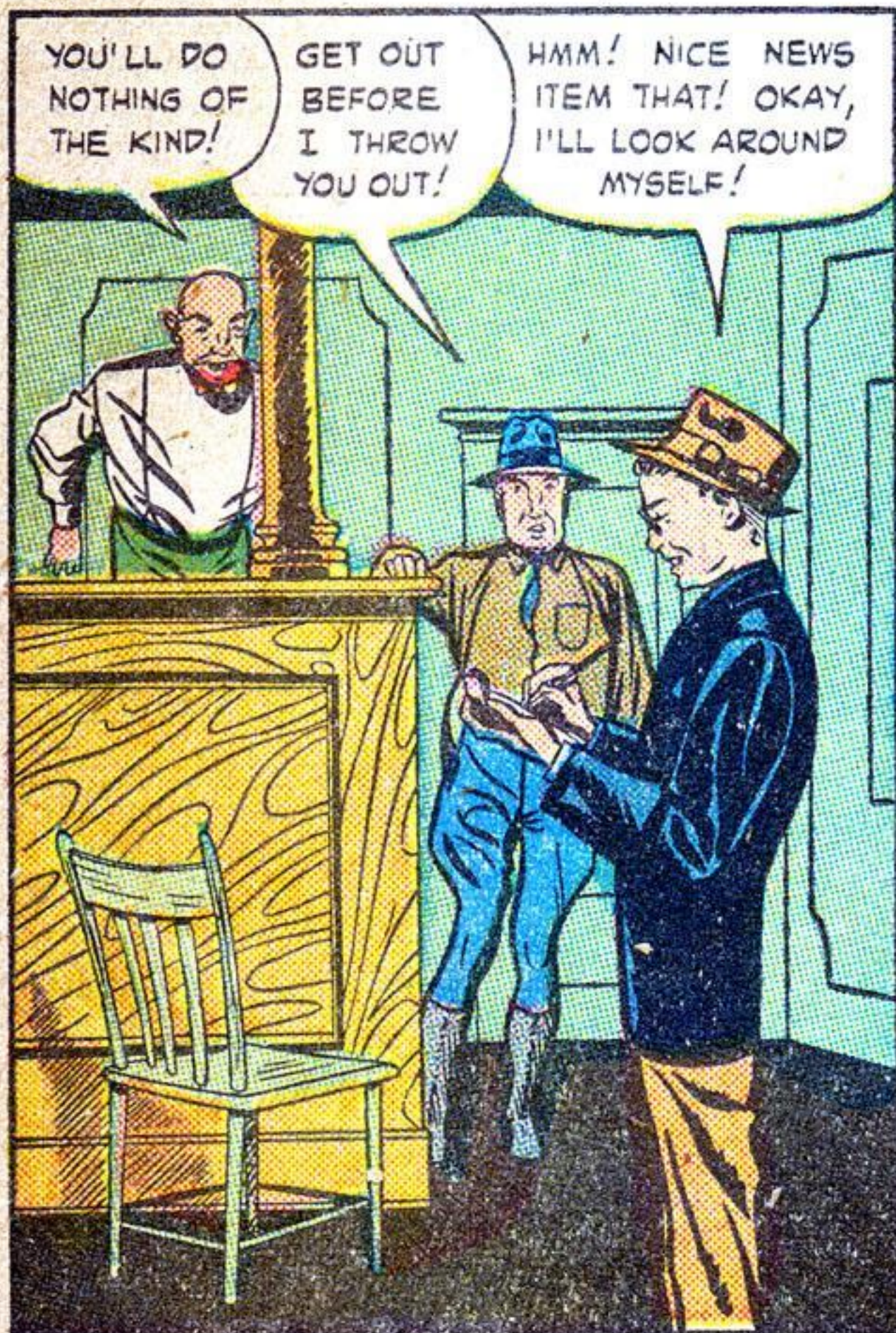
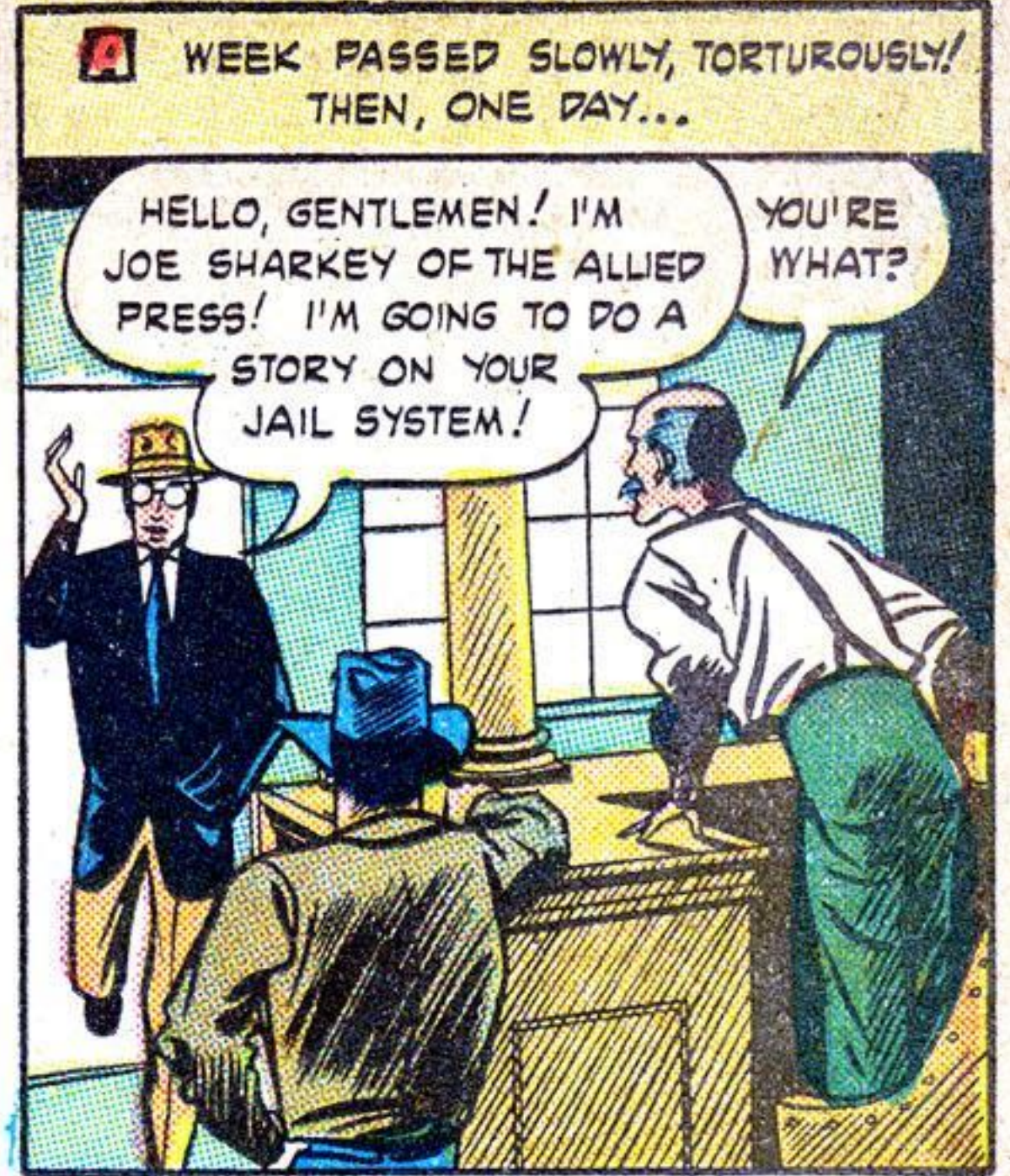
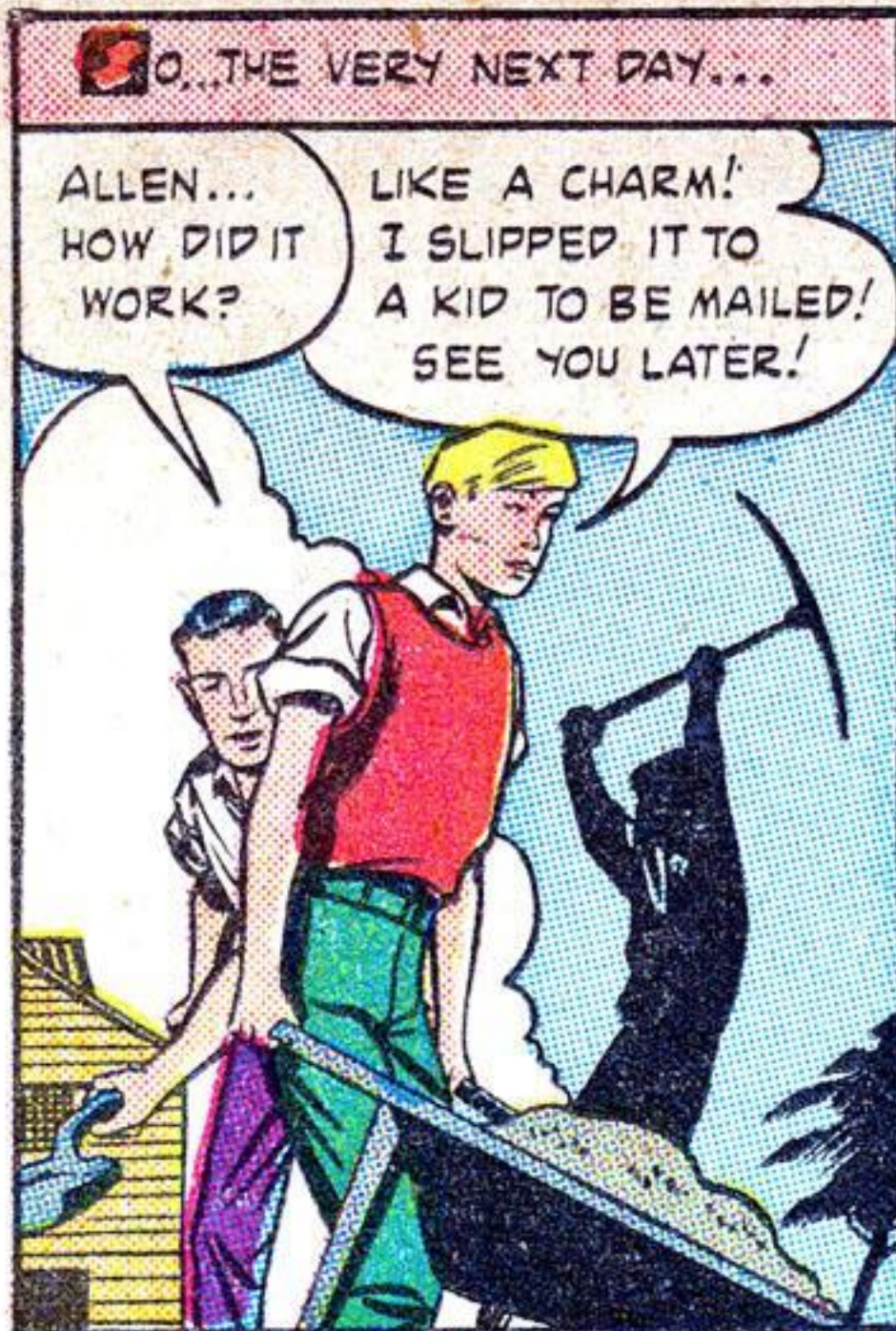
THE CAR STOPPED ALL RIGHT, BUT...

HEY... YOU TWO! COME OVER HERE!











WHY DON'T YOU
LET US GO RIGHT
HERE? I DON'T
GET IT!

YOU'LL GET
IT ALL RIGHT! GET
IN THAT CAR!



FOR AN
HOUR, THE
CAR SPED
THROUGH
THE LONELY
COUNTRY
ROAD...

RIGHT UP AHEAD IS
THE SPOT, CARL!

ALLEN! THEY'RE
GOIN' TO
KILL US!



AND WHEN THE CAR STOPPED...

OKAY! YOU'RE FREE
NOW! TAKE OFF!

NO! YOU
CAN'T DO THIS! IT'S
MURDER!



RUN, ALLEN!
RUN FOR YOUR
LIFE!

BUT DON'T PLAN ON TIRIN' YOURSELF
OUT! YOU WON'T LIVE THAT LONG!
ALL SET, CARL?



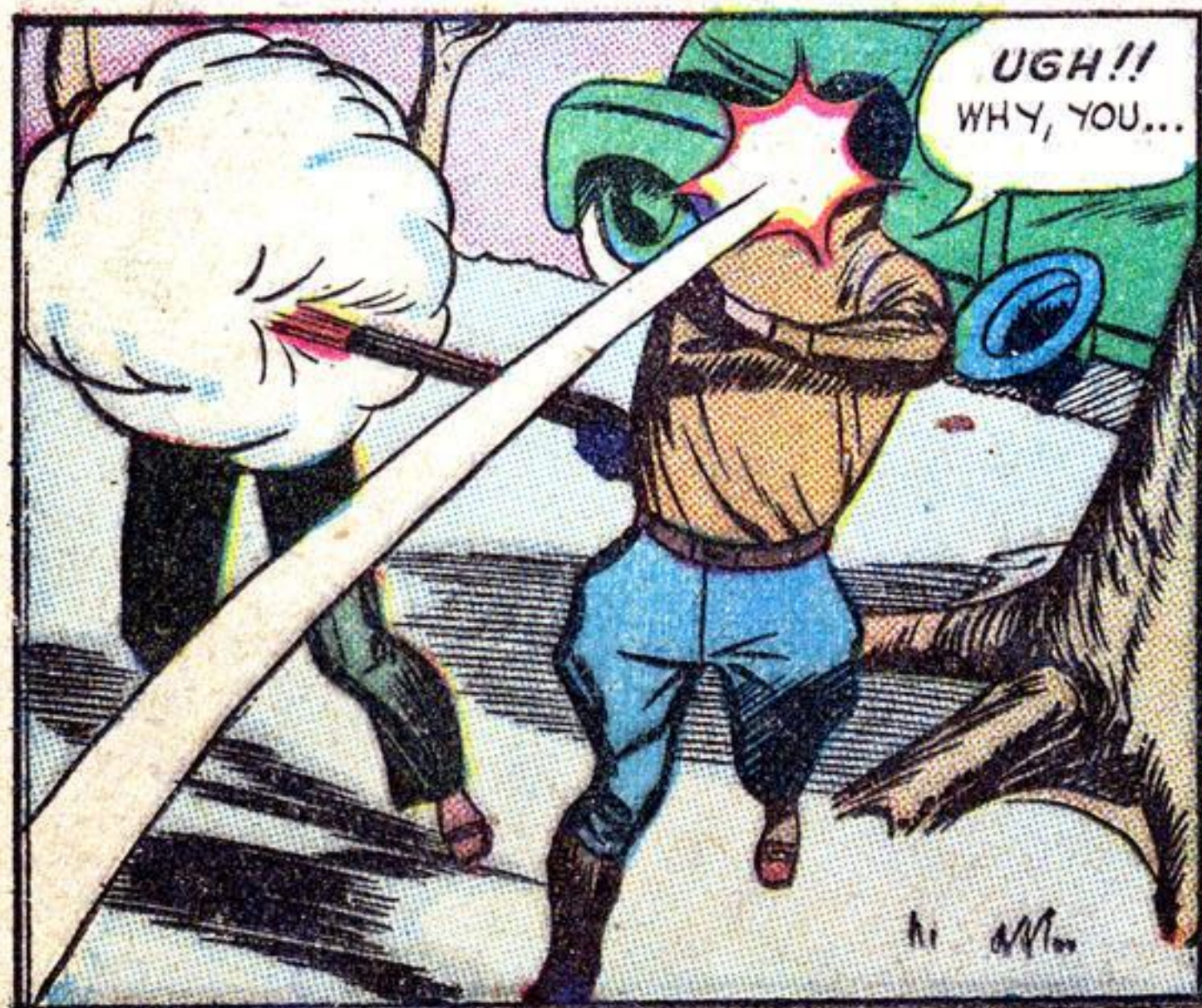
BUT AS ALLEN DASHED INTO THE DARK...

I... TRIPPED!

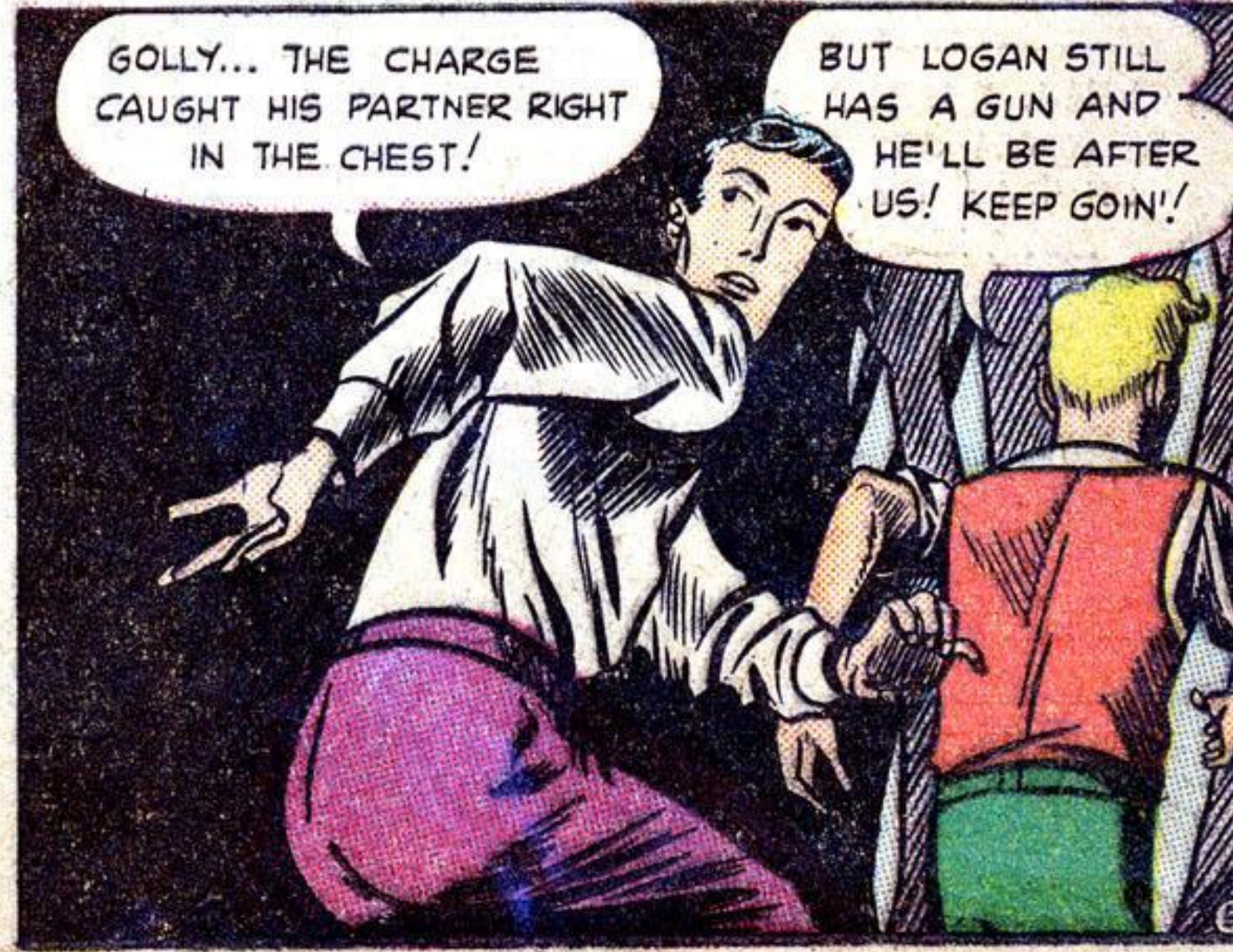
TOUGH LUCK, BUDDY!
IT WAS A SHORT
ESCAPE!



EVEN AS
HE FELL,
ALLEN SAW
A ROCK
UNDER HIS
HAND! LIKE
A FLASH, HE
WHIRLED,
AND...



UGH!!
WHY, YOU...



GOLLY... THE CHARGE
CAUGHT HIS PARTNER RIGHT
IN THE CHEST!

BUT LOGAN STILL
HAS A GUN AND
HE'LL BE AFTER
US! KEEP GOIN'!



DEAD AS A DOORNAIL!
THIS GIVES ME A LEGITIMATE
EXCUSE TO KNOCK OFF THOSE
TWO! THEY ASKED FOR IT!

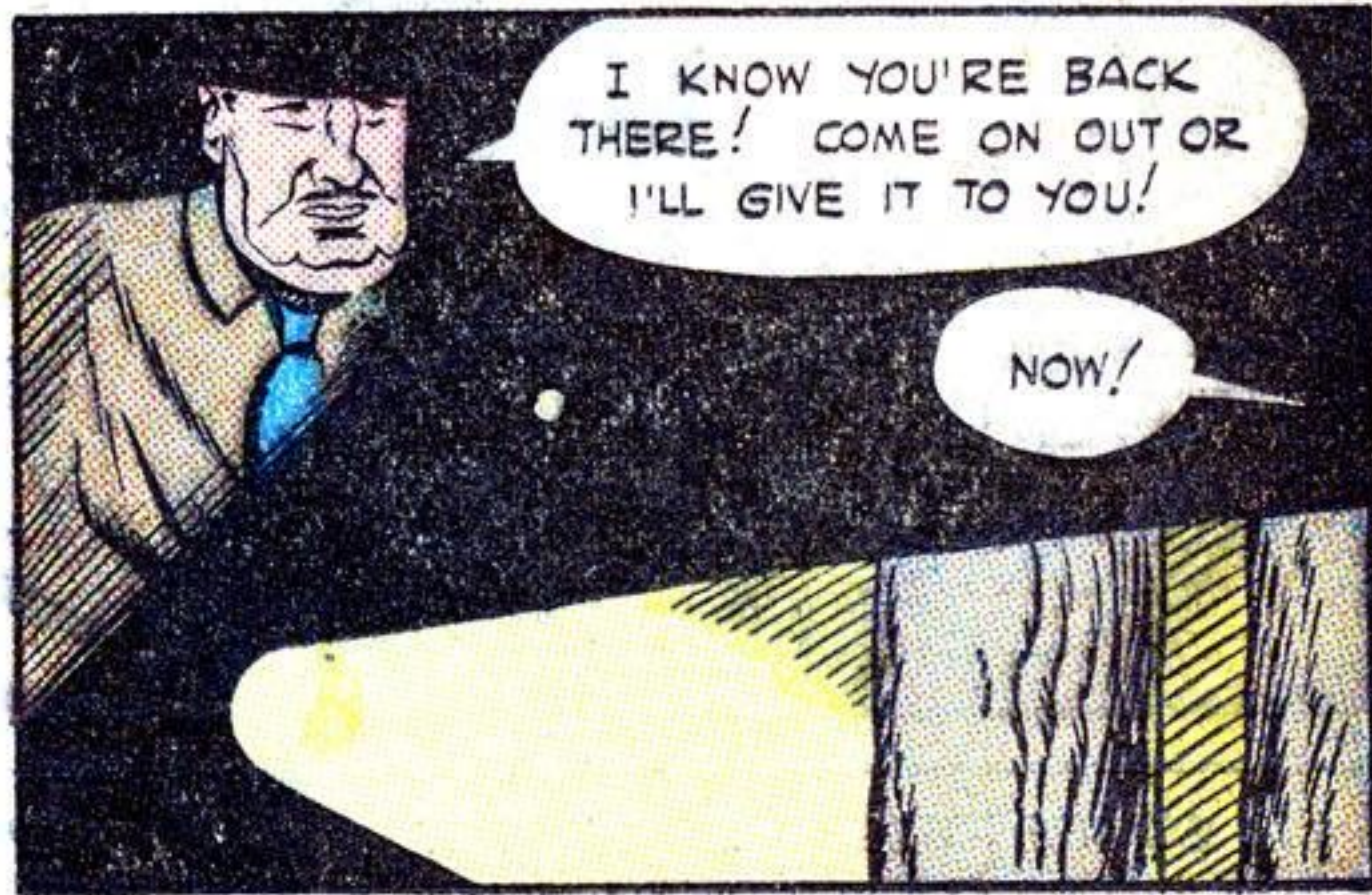


HERE HE COMES,
ALLEN! WHAT DO YOU
FIGURE WE OUGHT
TO DO?

THIS TREE GIVES
ME AN IDEA! WE'LL
LET HIM CATCH UP
WITH US!

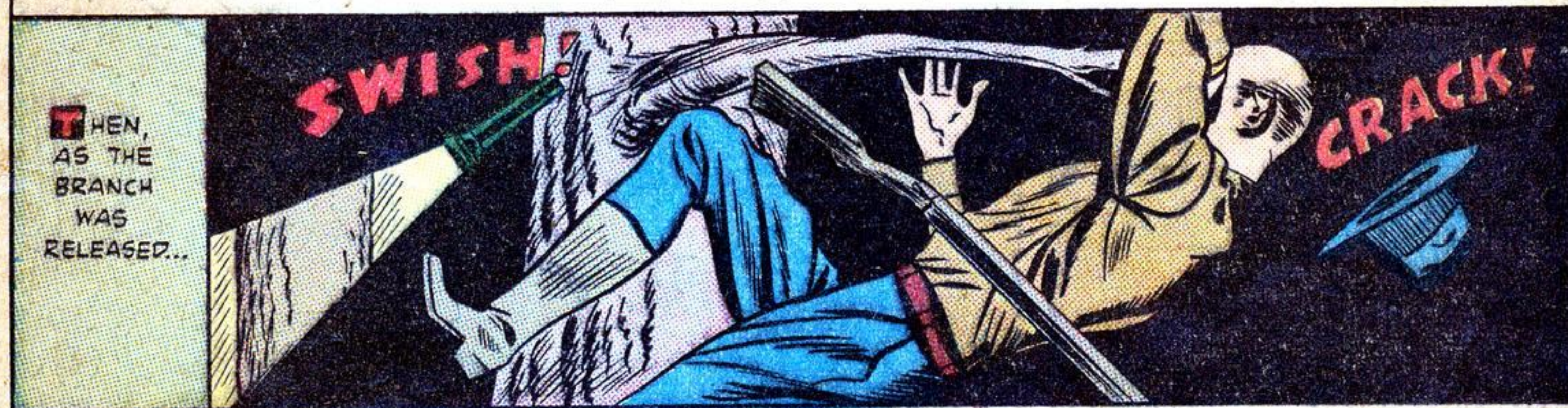


I'LL BEND THIS
TWIG BACK, AND
THEN...



I KNOW YOU'RE BACK
THERE! COME ON OUT OR
I'LL GIVE IT TO YOU!

NOW!



THEN,
AS THE
BRANCH
WAS
RELEASED...

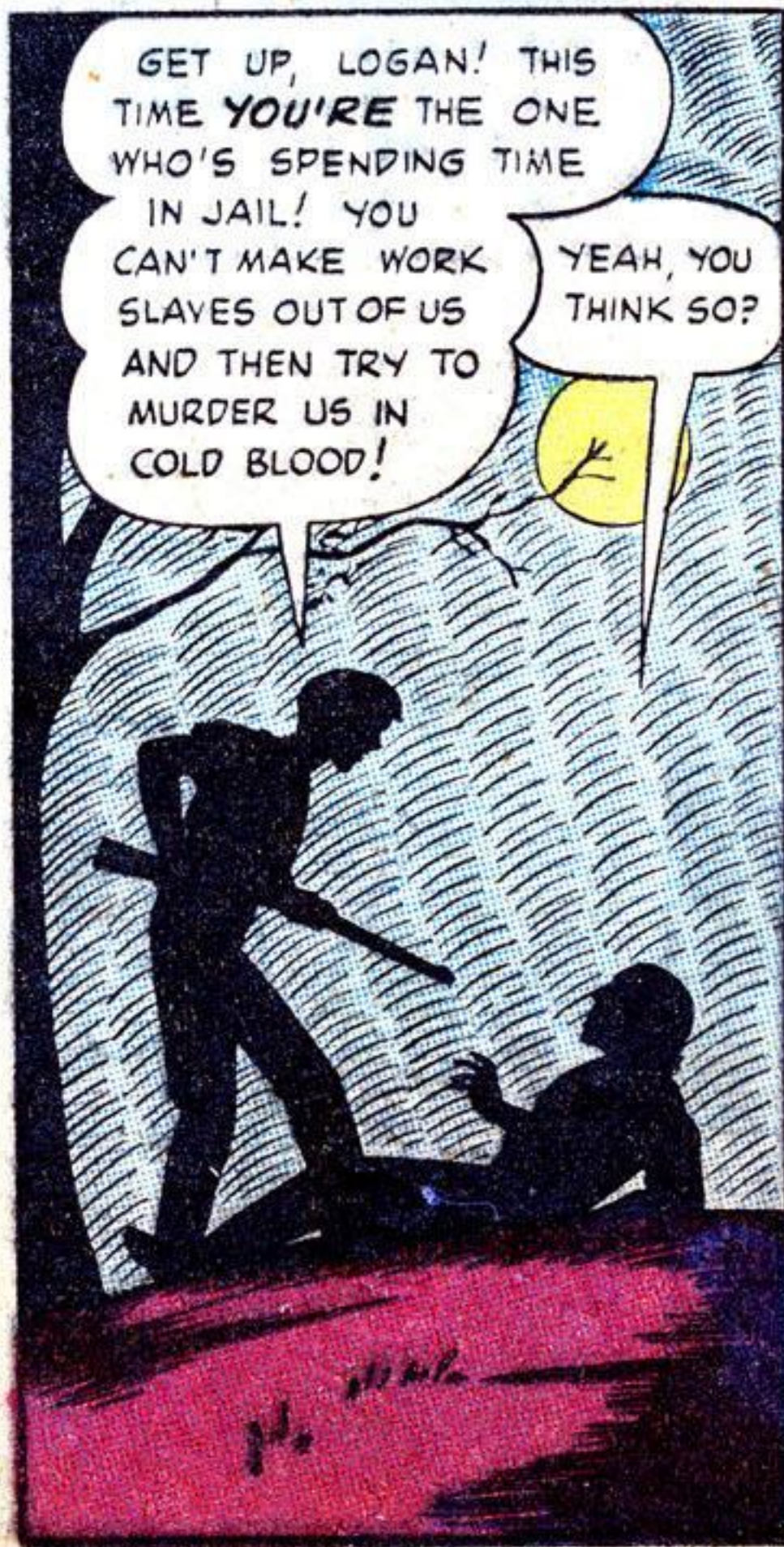
SWISH!

CRACK!



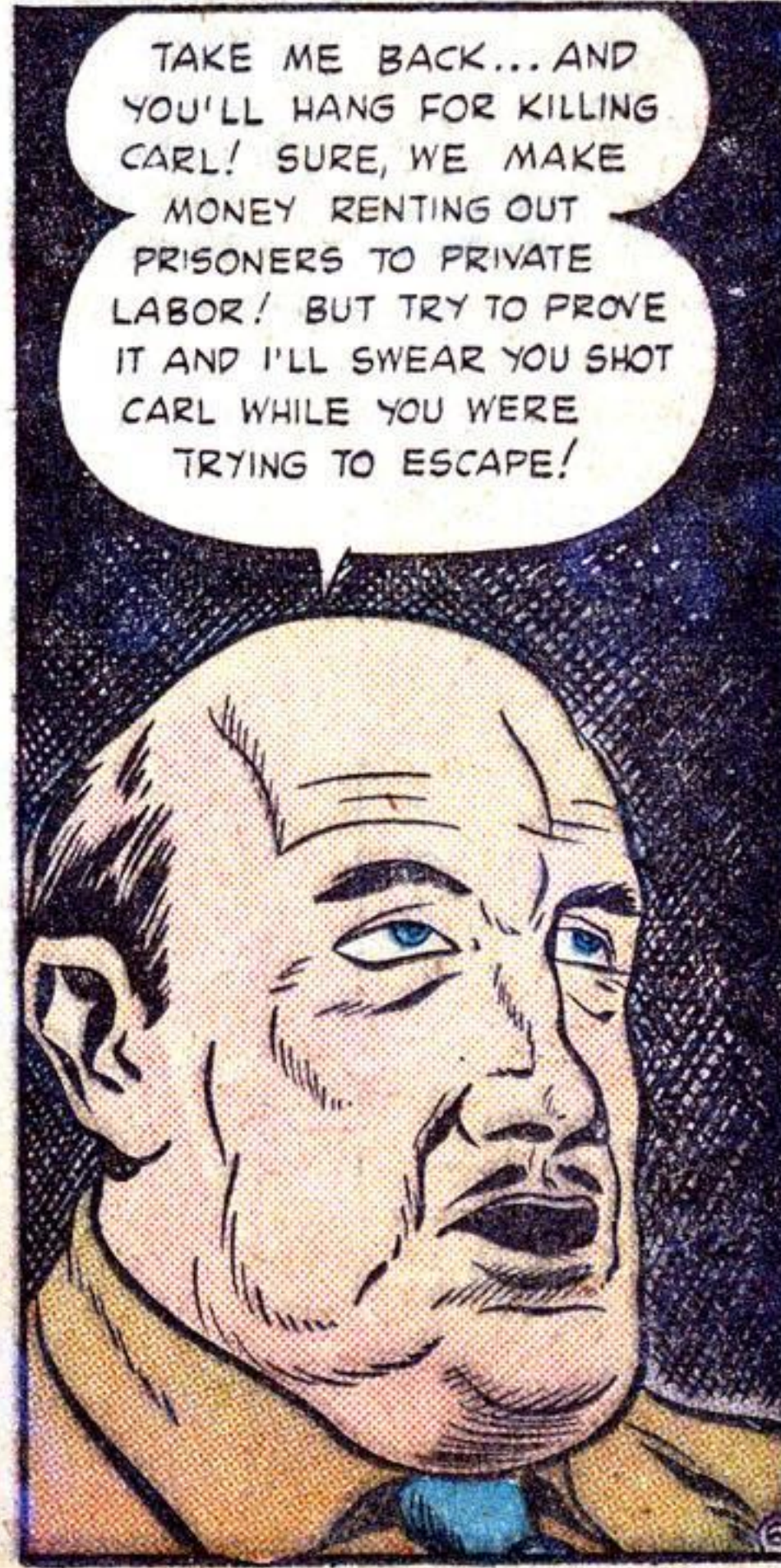
...WHAT
HAPPENED?

GET HIS GUN,
ALLEN!



GET UP, LOGAN! THIS
TIME **YOU'RE** THE ONE
WHO'S SPENDING TIME
IN JAIL! YOU
CAN'T MAKE WORK
SLAVES OUT OF US
AND THEN TRY TO
MURDER US IN
COLD BLOOD!

YEAH, YOU
THINK SO?



TAKE ME BACK... AND
YOU'LL HANG FOR KILLING
CARL! SURE, WE MAKE
MONEY RENTING OUT
PRISONERS TO PRIVATE
LABOR! BUT TRY TO PROVE
IT AND I'LL SWEAR YOU SHOT
CARL WHILE YOU WERE
TRYING TO ESCAPE!



WHEN...

LOGAN, I HEARD THAT!

WHO... WHO ARE YOU?



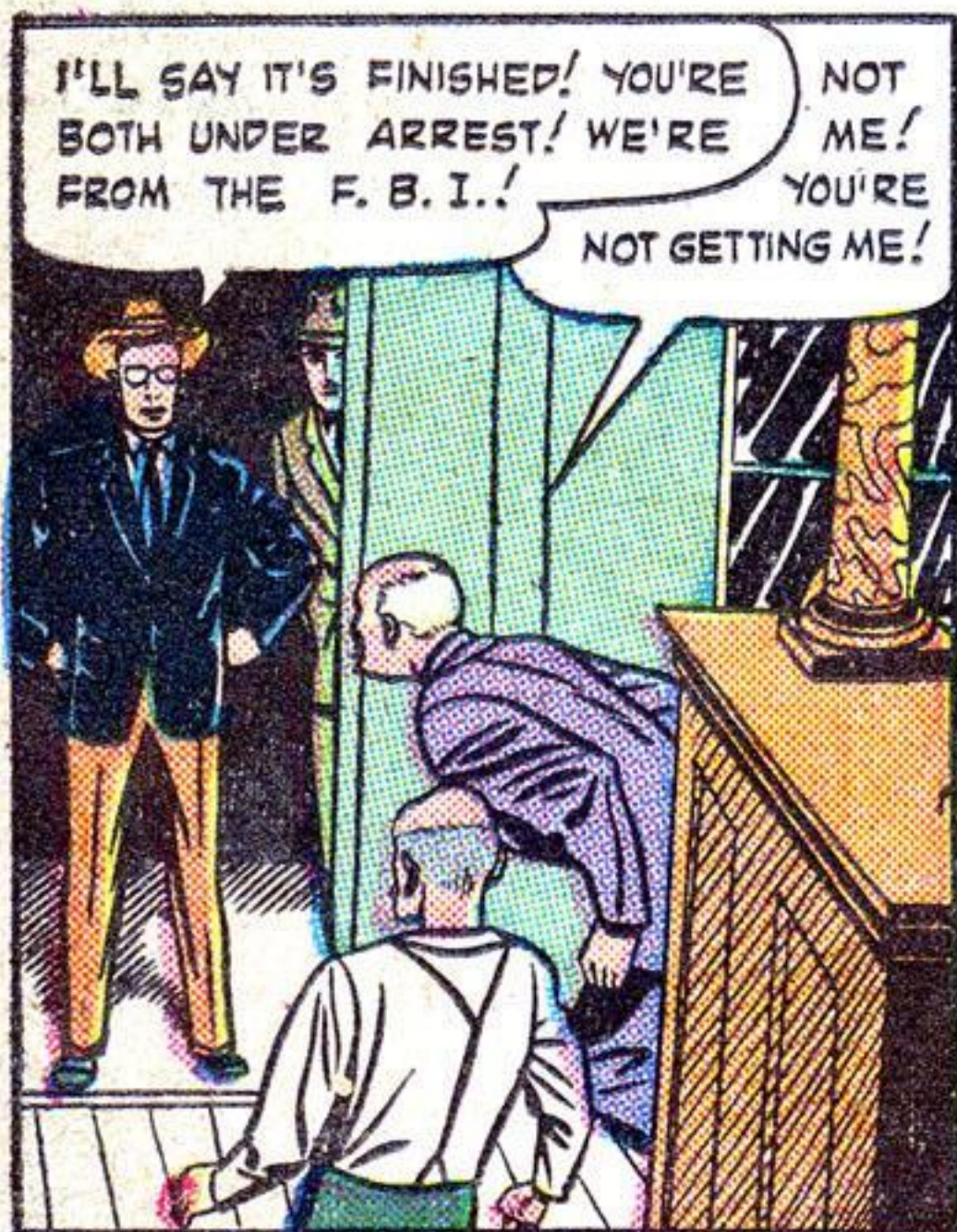
F.B.I.--NOT JUST THE REPORTER LOGAN THOUGHT... YOUR CARD WAS SENT ON TO US, BOYS!



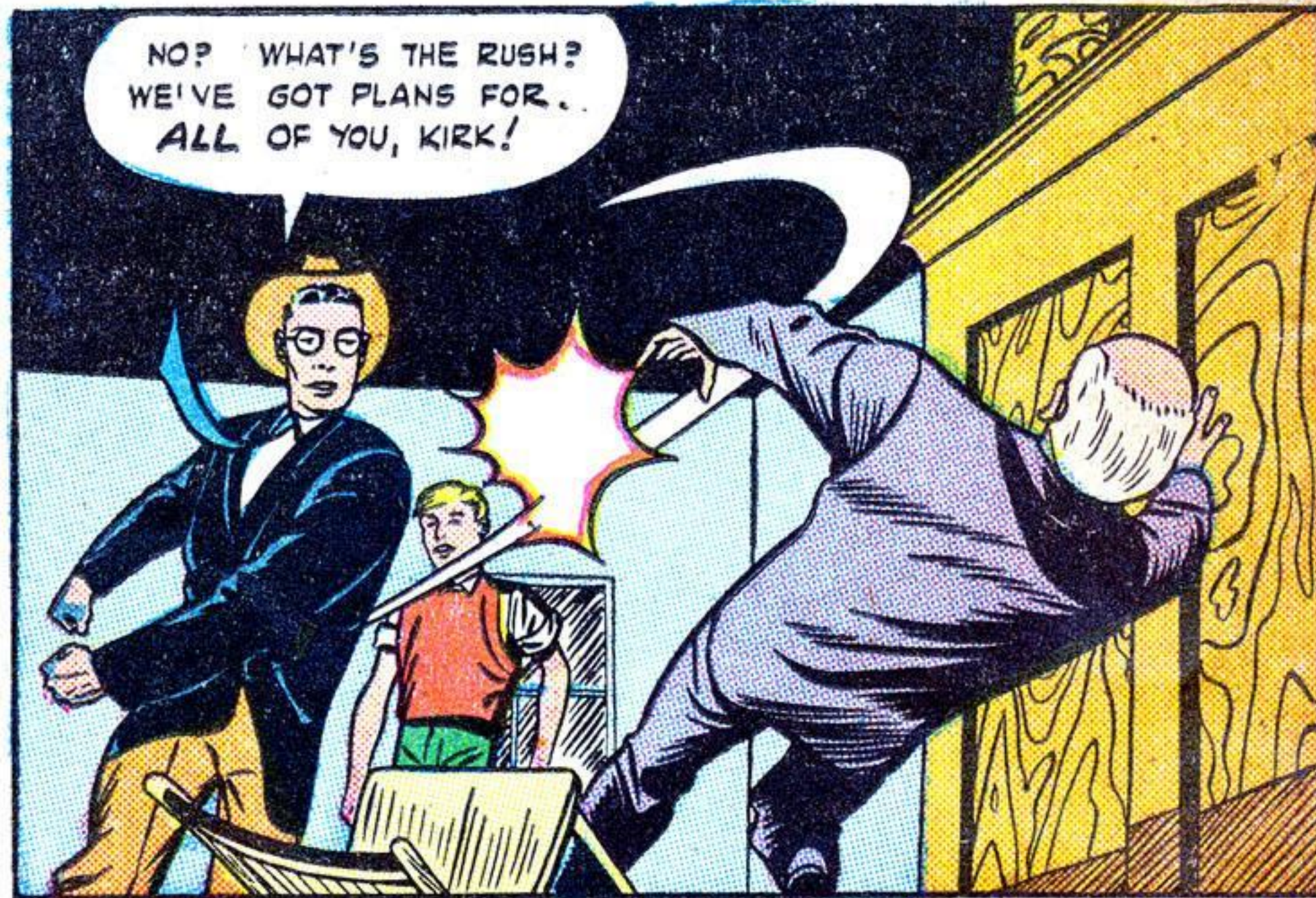
MEANWHILE...

...WHAT'S KEEPIN' 'EM? THEY SHOULD'VE BEEN BACK AN HOUR AGO!

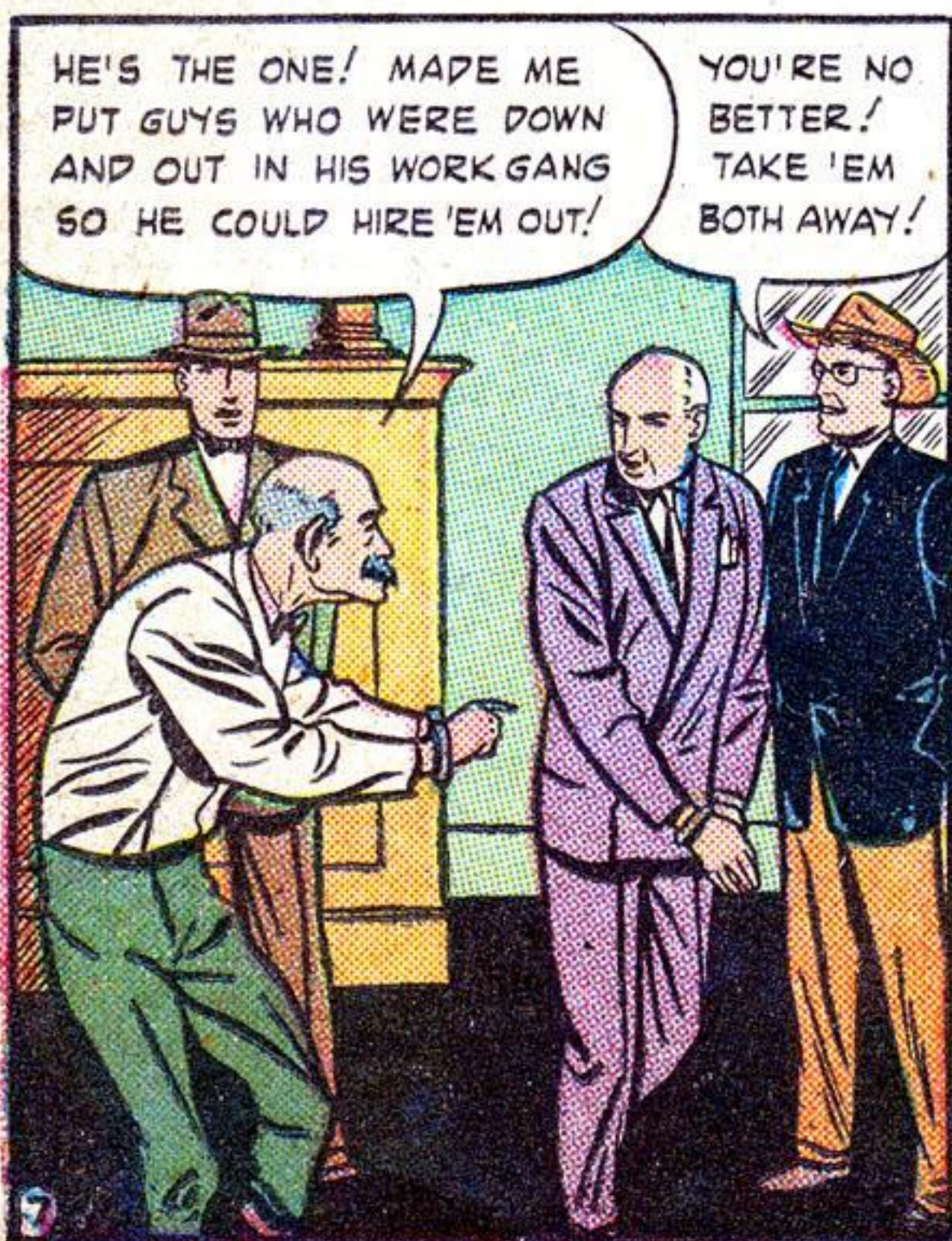
WE'VE WAITED LONG ENOUGH! SOMETHING'S GONE WRONG! GRAB YOUR MONEY AND WE'LL BEAT IT-- OUR GAME'S FINISHED!



I'LL SAY IT'S FINISHED! YOU'RE BOTH UNDER ARREST! WE'RE FROM THE F.B.I.! NOT ME! YOU'RE NOT GETTING ME!



NO? WHAT'S THE RUSH? WE'VE GOT PLANS FOR ALL OF YOU, KIRK!



HE'S THE ONE! MADE ME PUT GUYS WHO WERE DOWN AND OUT IN HIS WORK GANG SO HE COULD HIRE 'EM OUT! YOU'RE NO BETTER! TAKE 'EM BOTH AWAY!



WHAT I CAN'T FIGURE IS... HOW'D YOU KNOW WHERE WE WERE? EASY! GAVE LOGAN THE SLIP, THEN TRAILED HIM! I NEARLY DID LOSE HIM THOUGH! BUT YOU BOYS TOOK CARE OF THAT!



BY THE WAY... HERE'S TWO BUS TICKETS TO YOUR JOBS! THE BOSS SAYS TO HURRY, BUT DON'T HITCH-HIKE! THANKS A MILLION... AND DON'T WORRY! WE'RE CURED... BUT GOOD!

THE END

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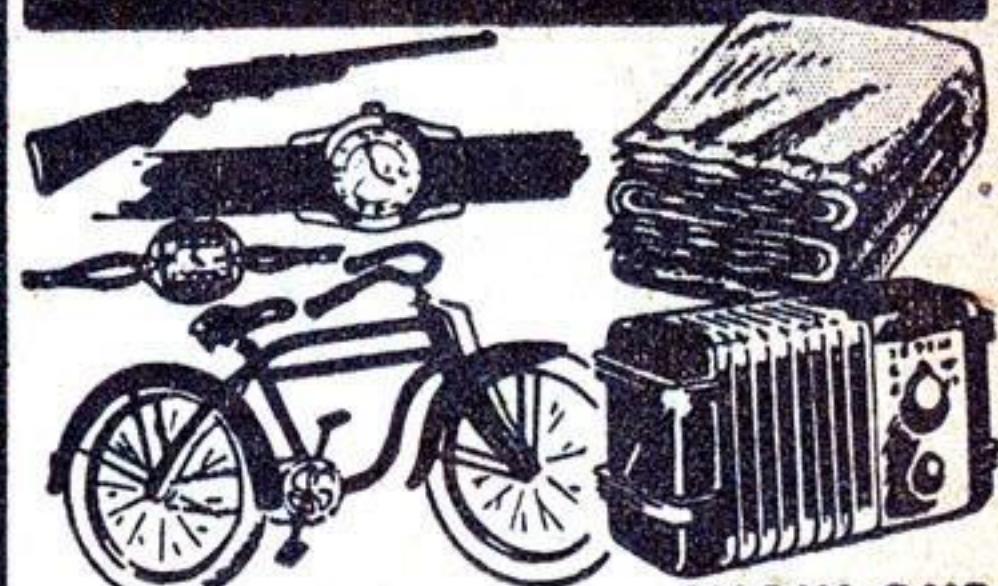
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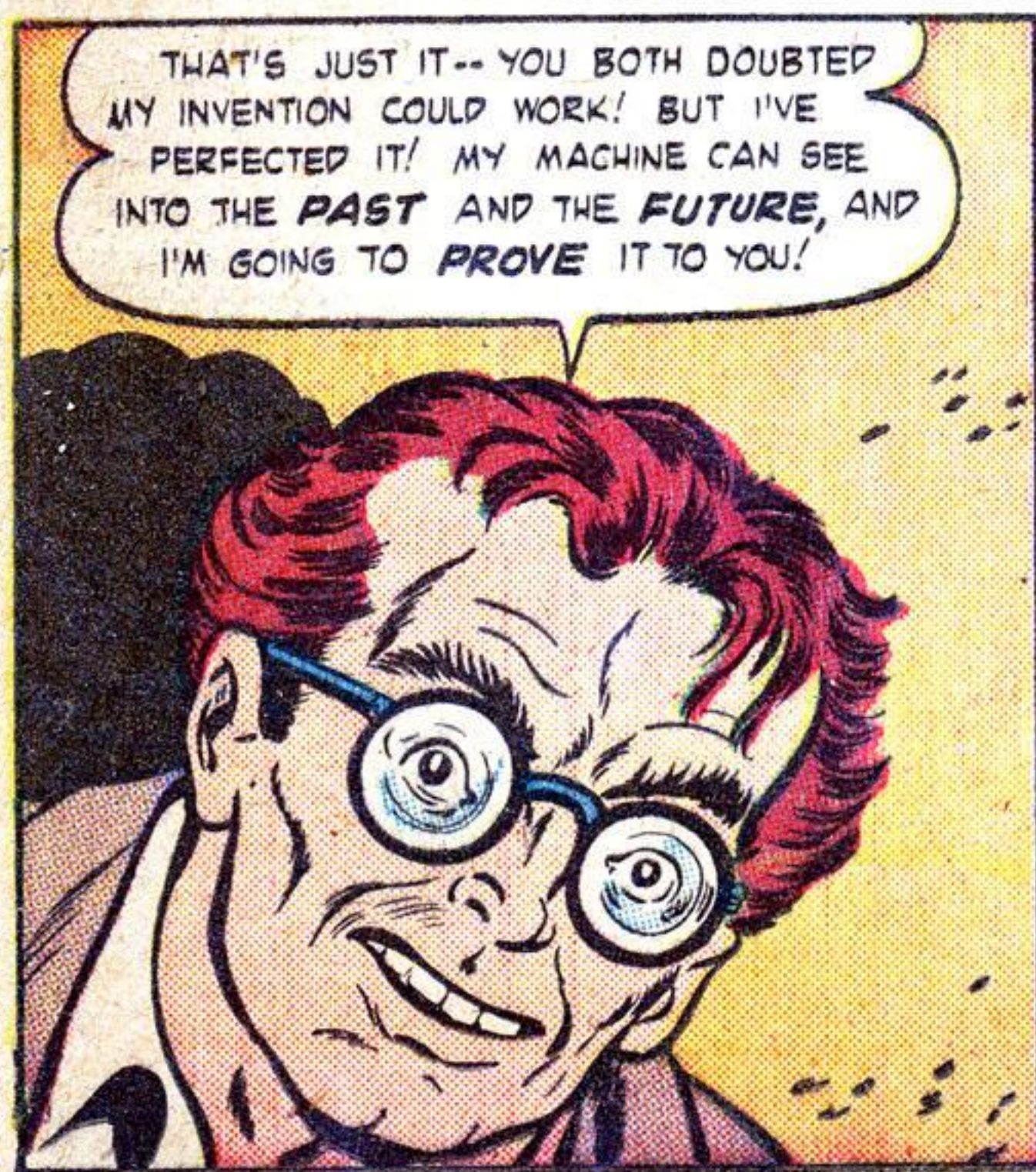
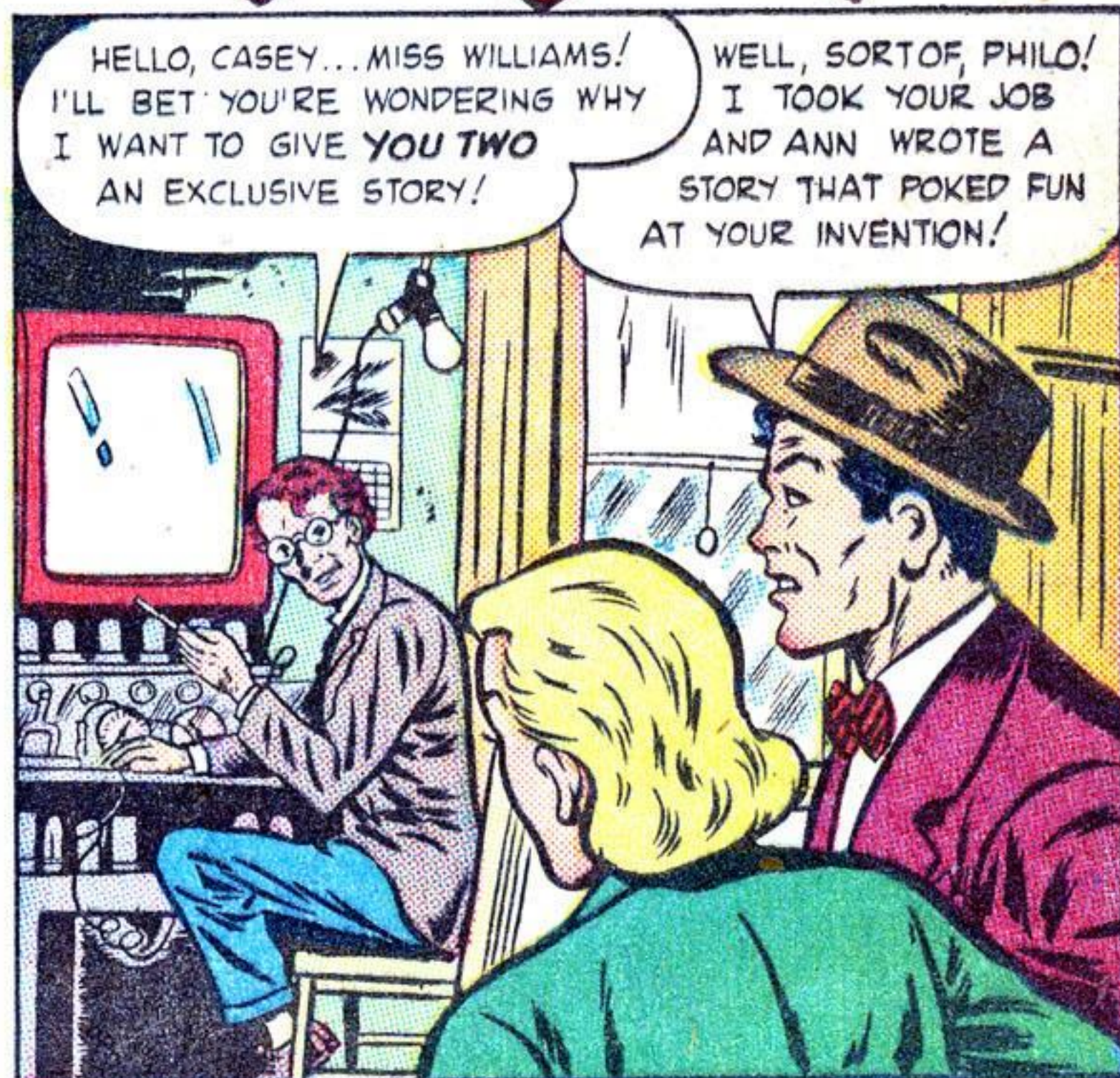
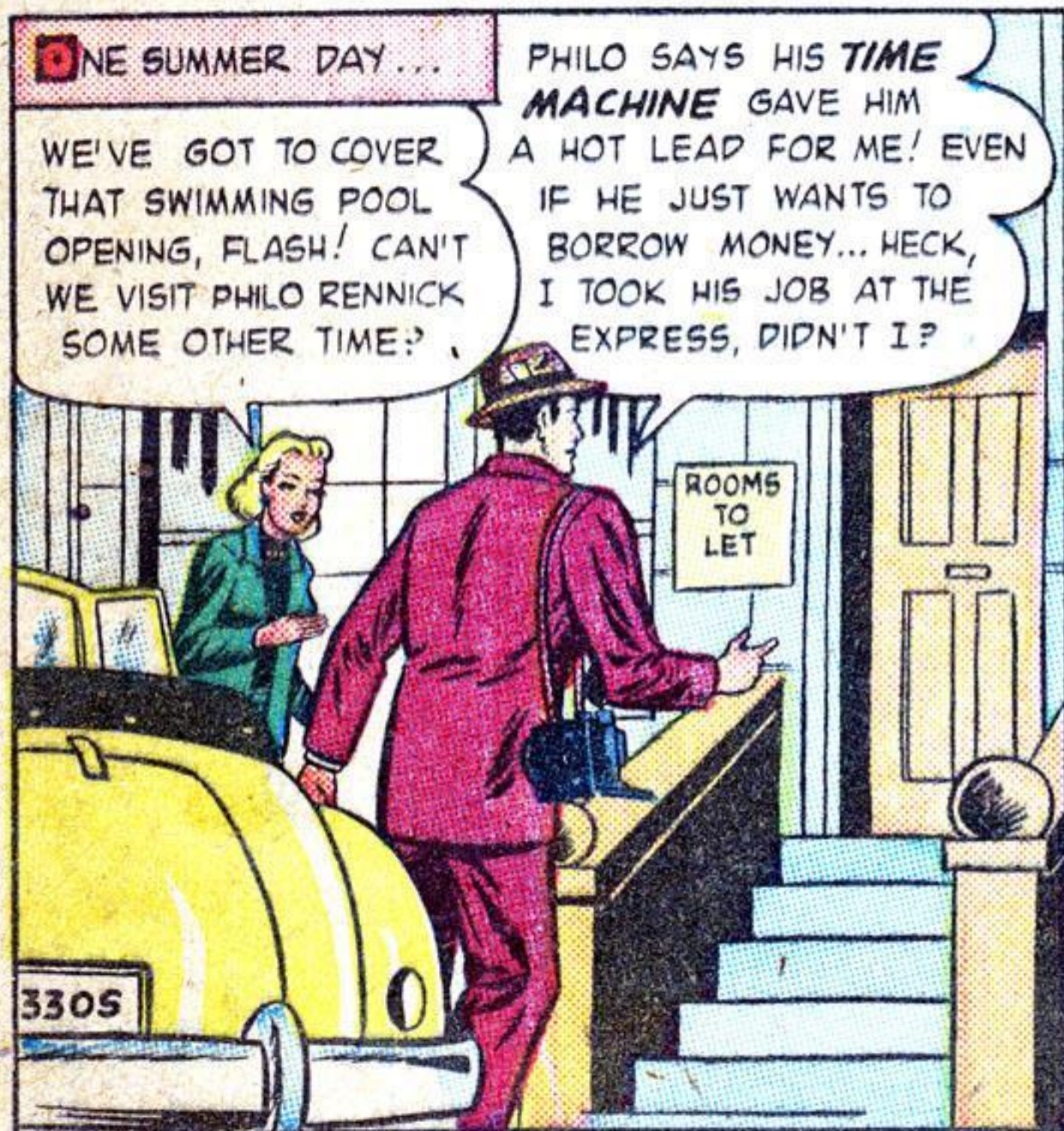
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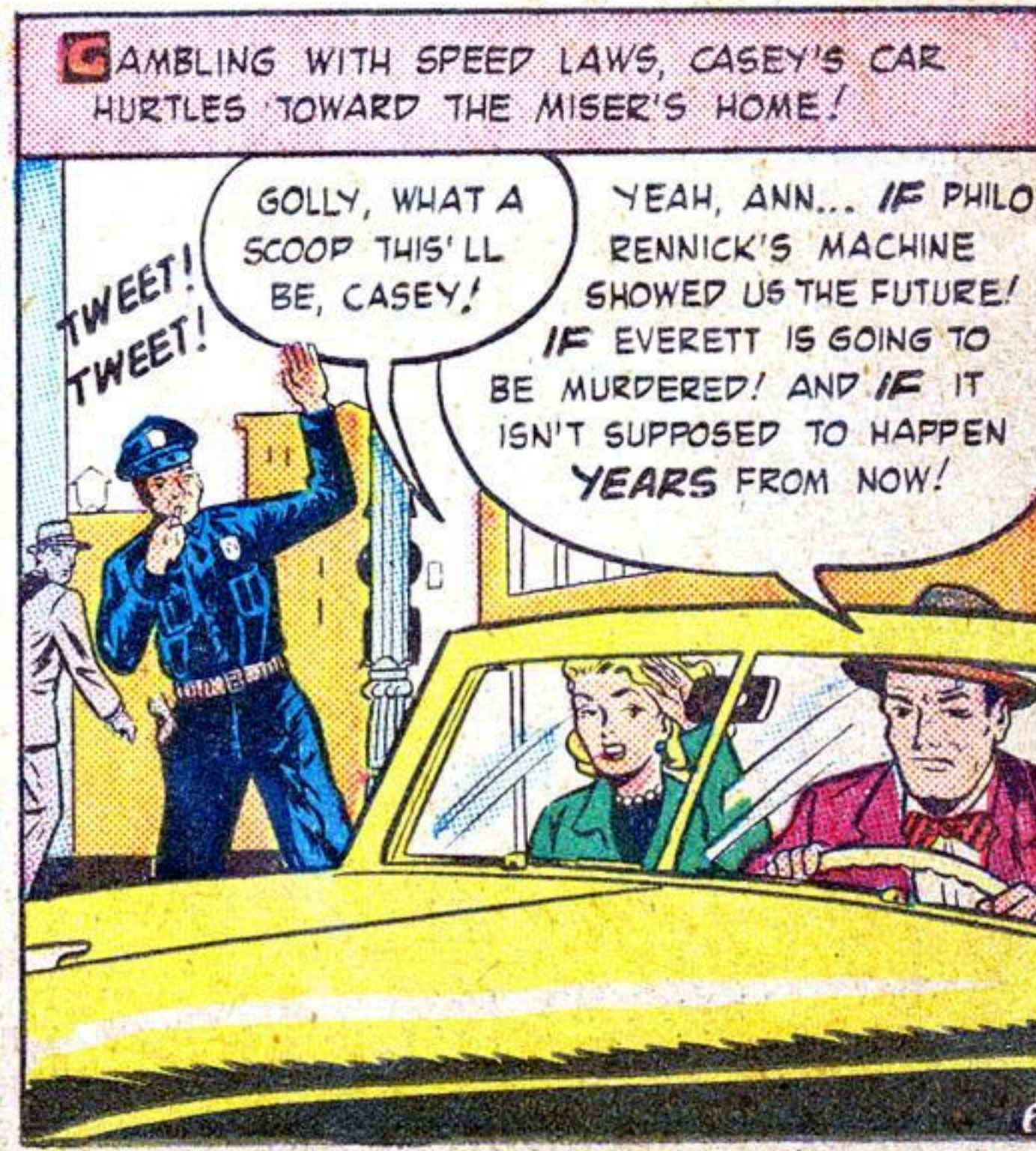
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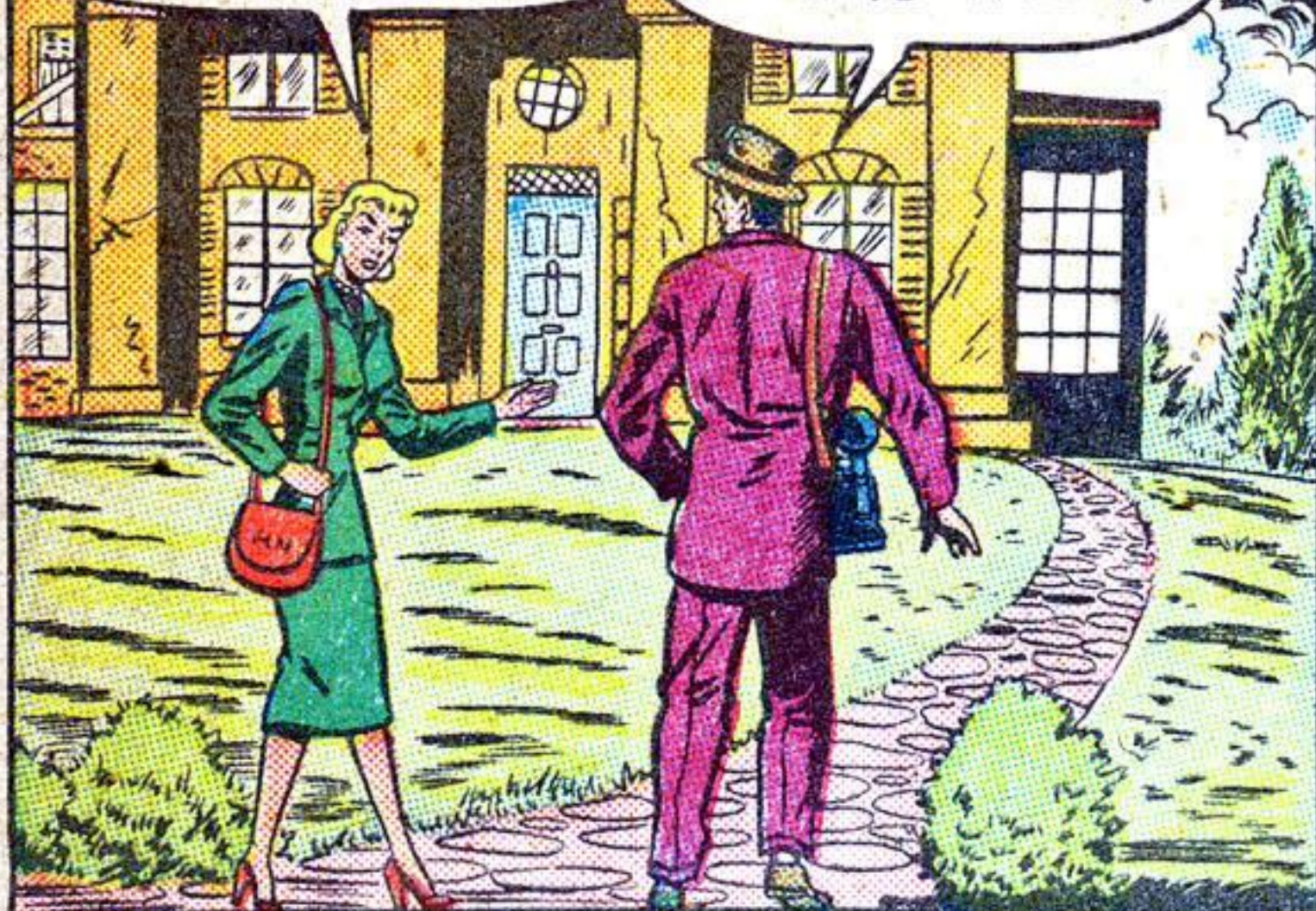




AT EVERETT'S DECAYING MANSION...

WHY DO YOU HAVE TO BE SO CYNICAL? I'D RATHER BELIEVE RENNICK'S MACHINE ACTUALLY WORKS!

SURE, JUST TUNE IN -- DON'T EVEN HAVE TO GO OUT ON SCOOPS! BUT LET'S GET THIS ONE FIRST... *IF* IT *IS* A STORY!



...I'M PEARSON, MR. EVERETT'S BUTLER! KINDLY WAIT HERE! MR. EVERETT DOES NOT LIKE STRANGERS IN THE HOUSE!

IT'S A MATTER OF **LIFE AND DEATH**, I TELL YOU! WE THINK SOMEBODY WANTS TO **KILL HIM!**



I GUESS PEARSON DOESN'T LIKE THE OLD MISER ANY MORE THAN ANYBODY ELSE DOES! HE CERTAINLY DIDN'T GET UPSET!

WELL, EVERETT WILL, I'LL BET! OF COURSE WE DON'T HAVE ANY **PROOF**, BUT HE'LL PROBABLY HIRE GUARDS OR SOMETHING!



MR. EVERETT WISHES ME TO INFORM YOU THAT THREATS ARE NO NOVELTY TO HIM! HE ADDS, FURTHER, THAT HE THRIVES ON THEM!

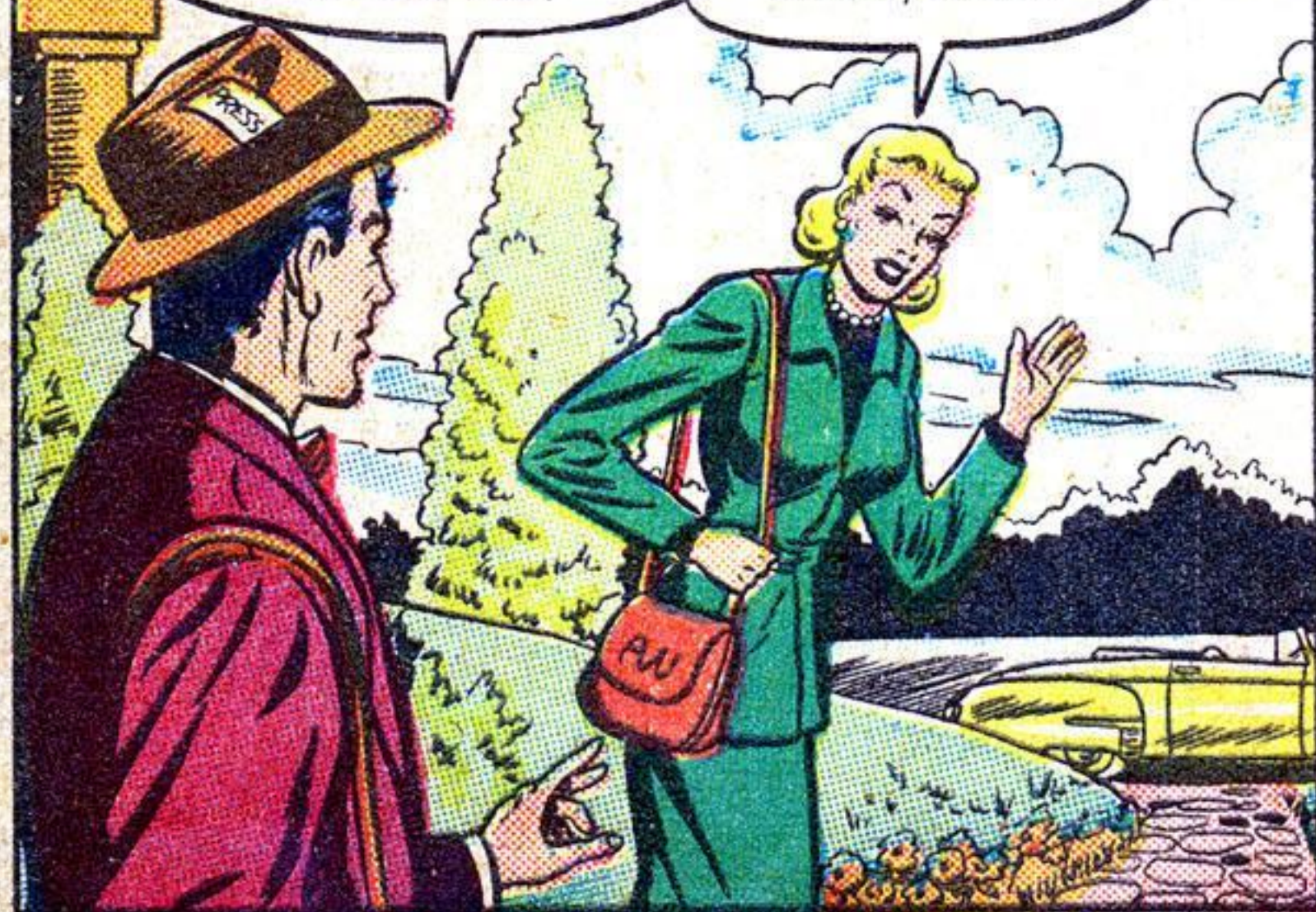
WHA--?

WELL, OF ALL THE...



YOU GO COVER THAT SWIMMING POOL OPENING, ANN! I'M GOING TO STICK AROUND HERE -- SOMETHING MAY HAPPEN TO EVERETT, AFTER ALL!

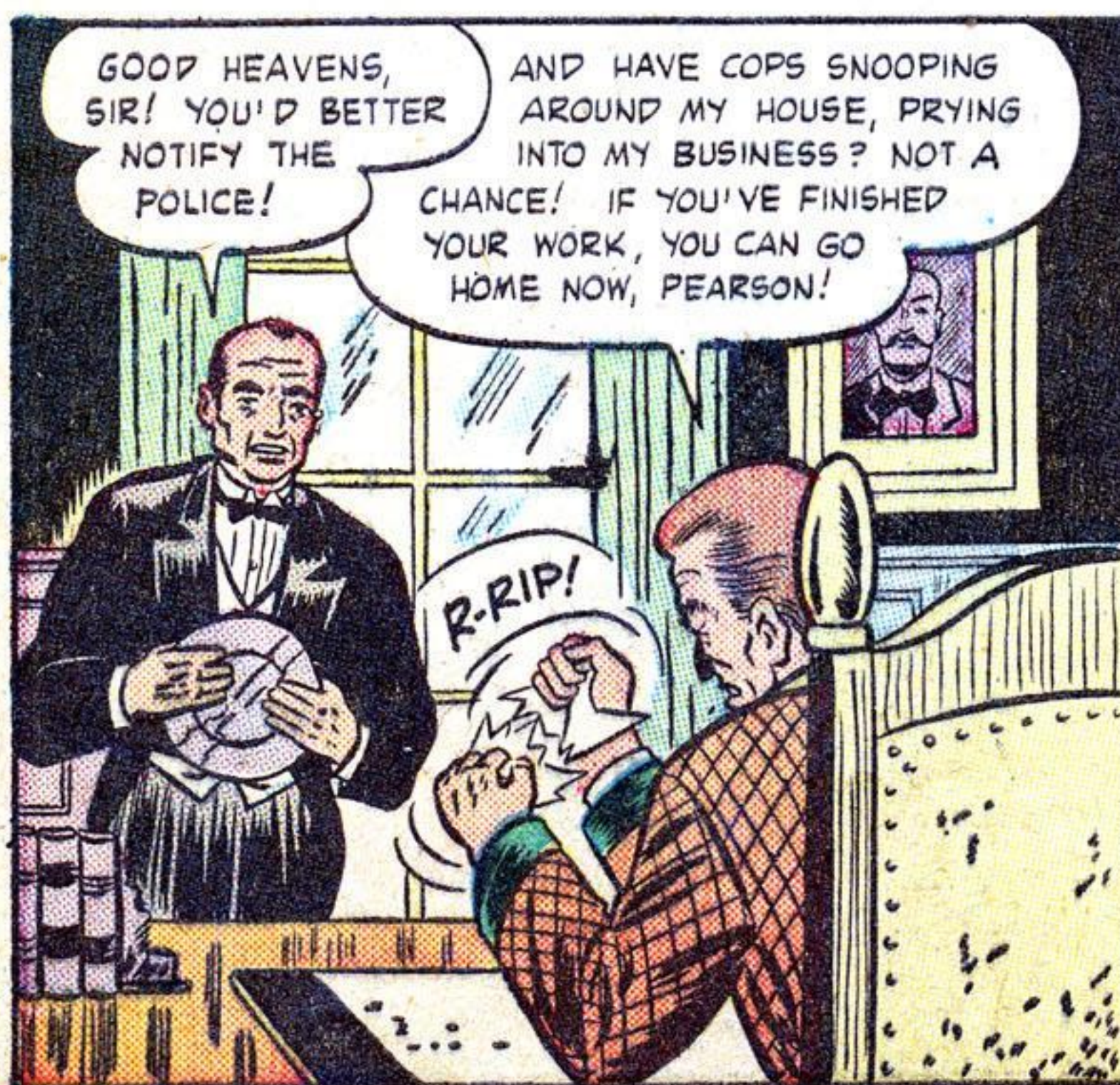
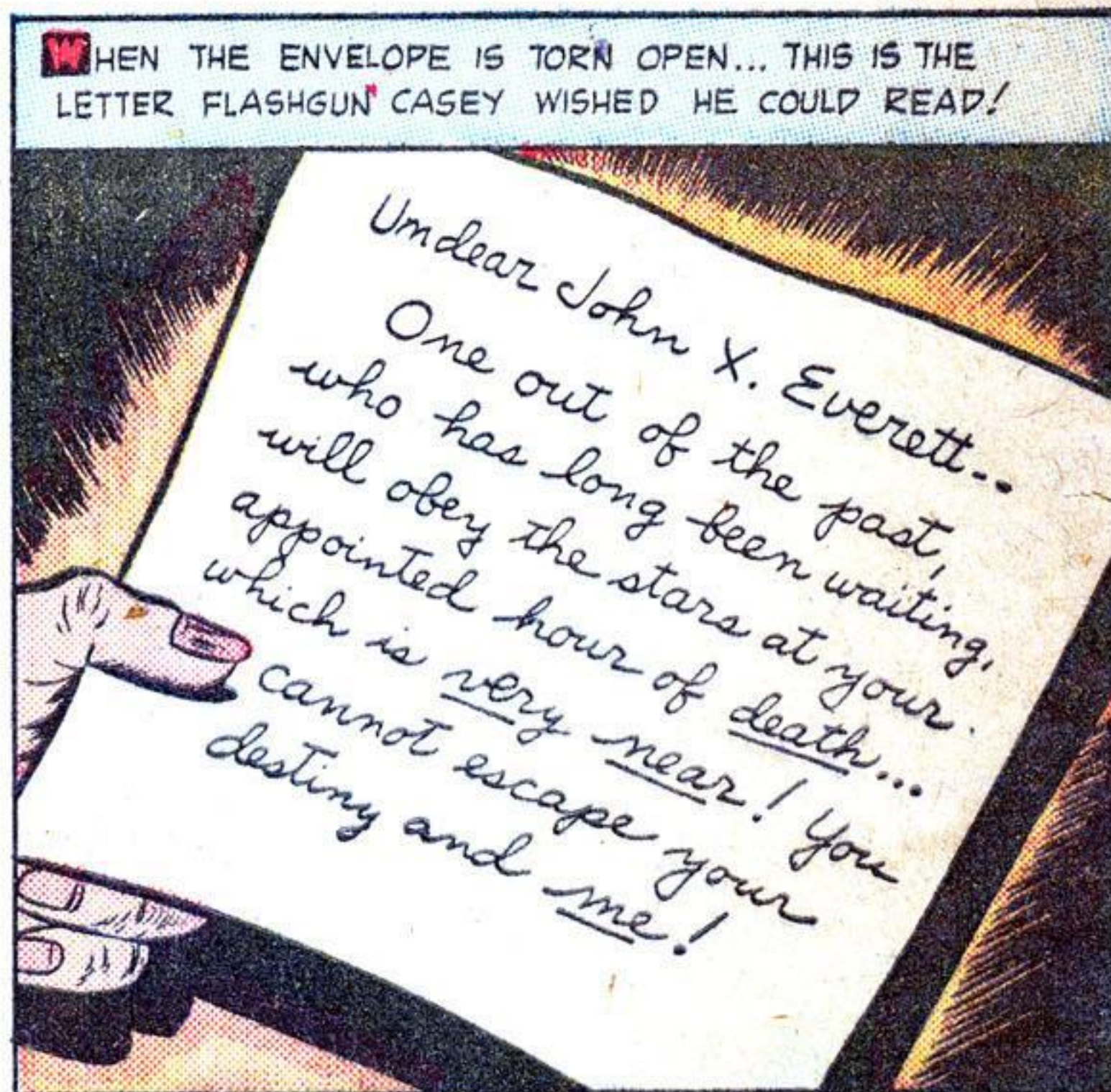
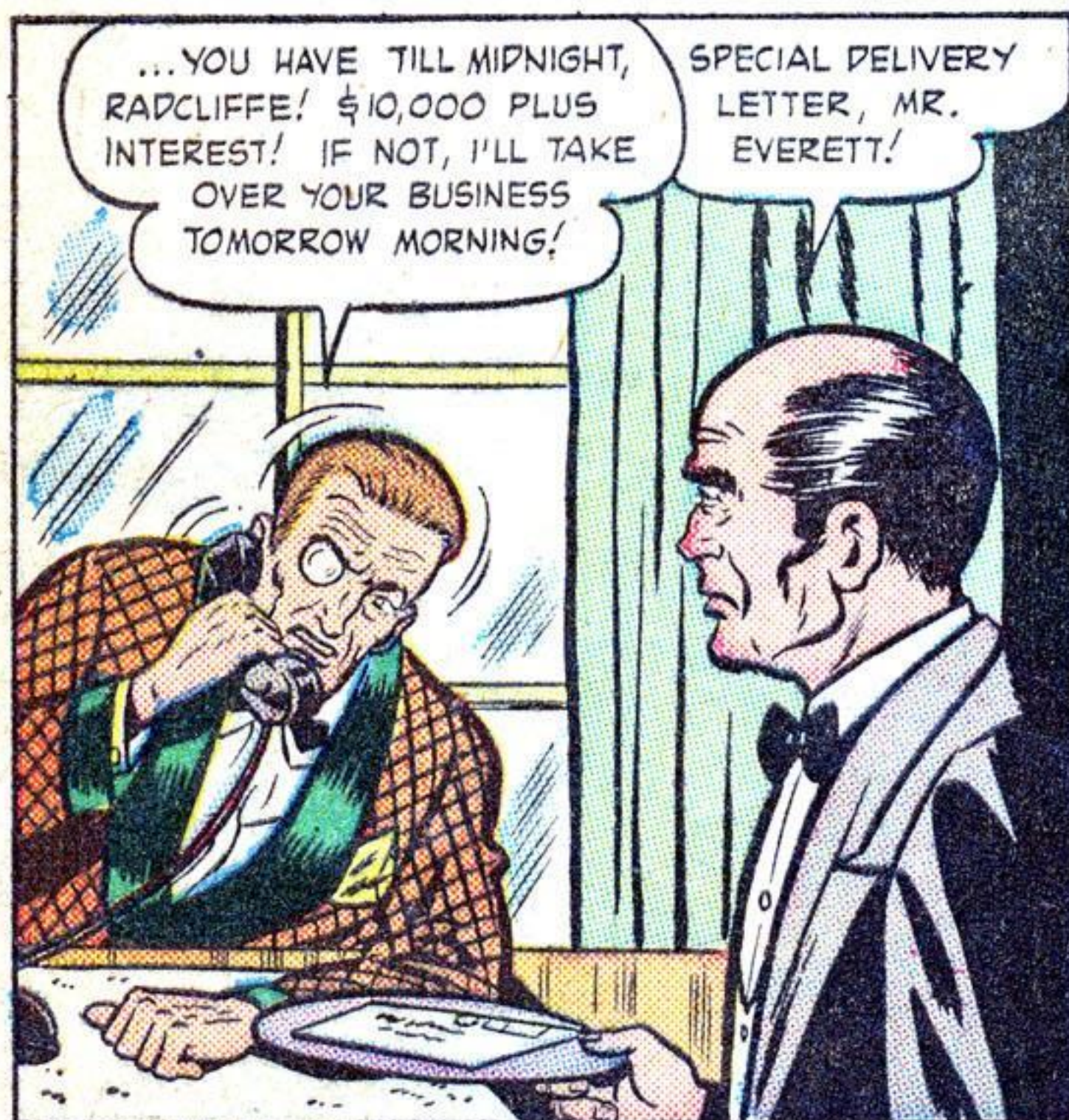
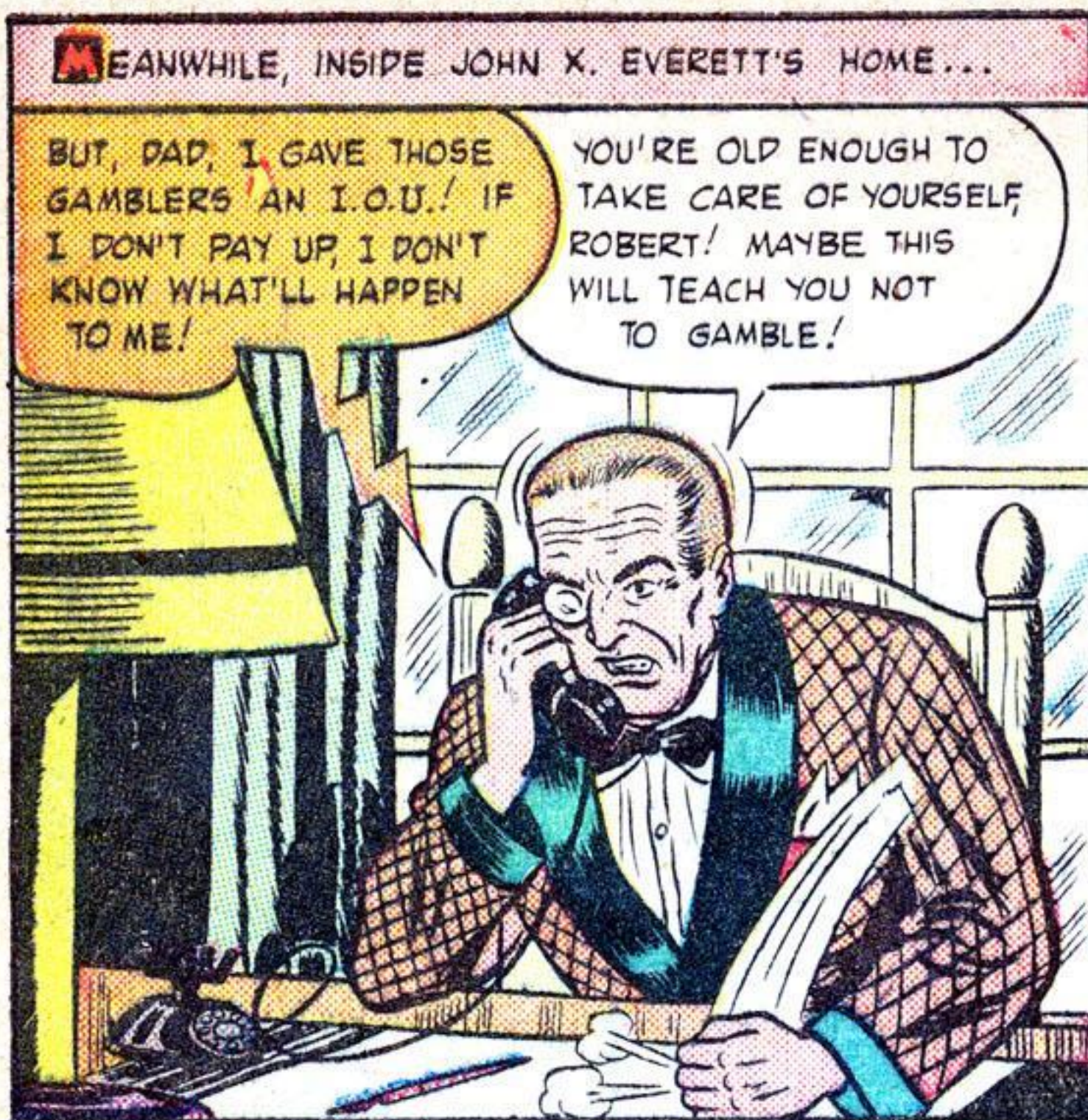
I WOULDN'T BE SURPRISED... HE'S USED TO GETTING DEATH THREATS, HE SAYS! SEE YOU LATER, CASEY!



PRESENTLY...

SPECIAL DELIVERY LETTER FOR EVERETT! WISH I COULD SEE WHAT'S IN THE NOTE -- MAYBE IT'D TELL ME WHETHER I'M JUST WASTING MY TIME HERE!







ABRUPTLY... YOU SNEAK! YOU'RE TRYING TO READ THE COMBINATION OF THE SAFE! JUST FOR THAT, YOU GET NO MONEY TONIGHT!

I SWEAR I WASN'T, MR. EVERETT! I **MUST** HAVE MY SALARY-- MY WIFE IS ALL OUT OF MEDICINE!



LET HER DIE, PEARSON! YOU'RE BETTER OFF WITHOUT HER!

YOU COLD-BLOODED MONSTER! I HOPE THAT DEATH THREAT COMES TRUE! I HOPE YOU'RE **MURDERED TONIGHT!**

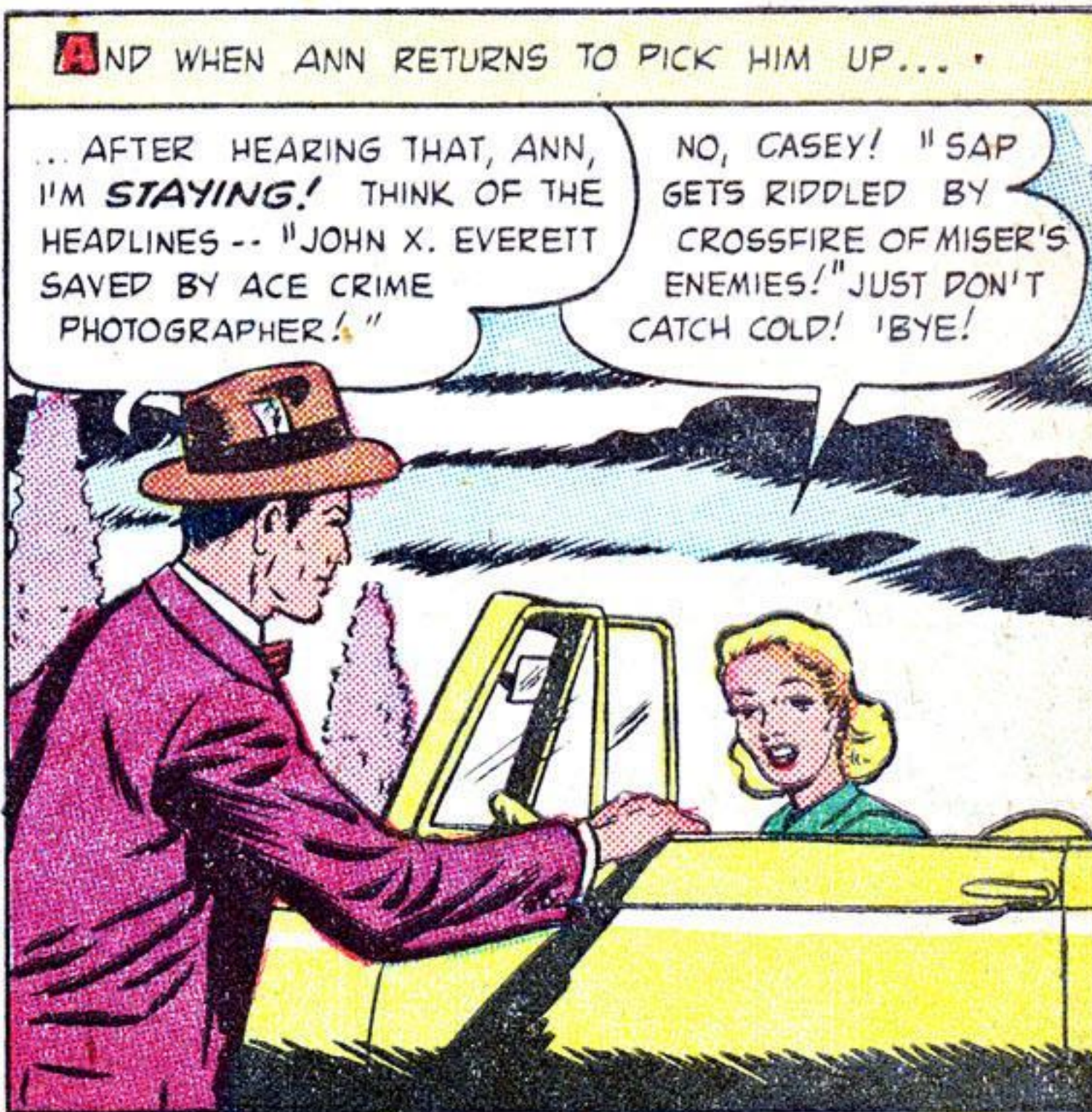


THUS FLASHGUN CASEY, WAITING FOR SOMETHING TO HAPPEN OVERHEARS THIS...

SO, PEARSON, YOU WANT ME TO BE MURDERED TONIGHT, EH? STRONG MEN HAVE SAID THAT-- AND I'M STILL ALIVE!

YOU'RE A HEARTLESS FIEND, MR. EVERETT!

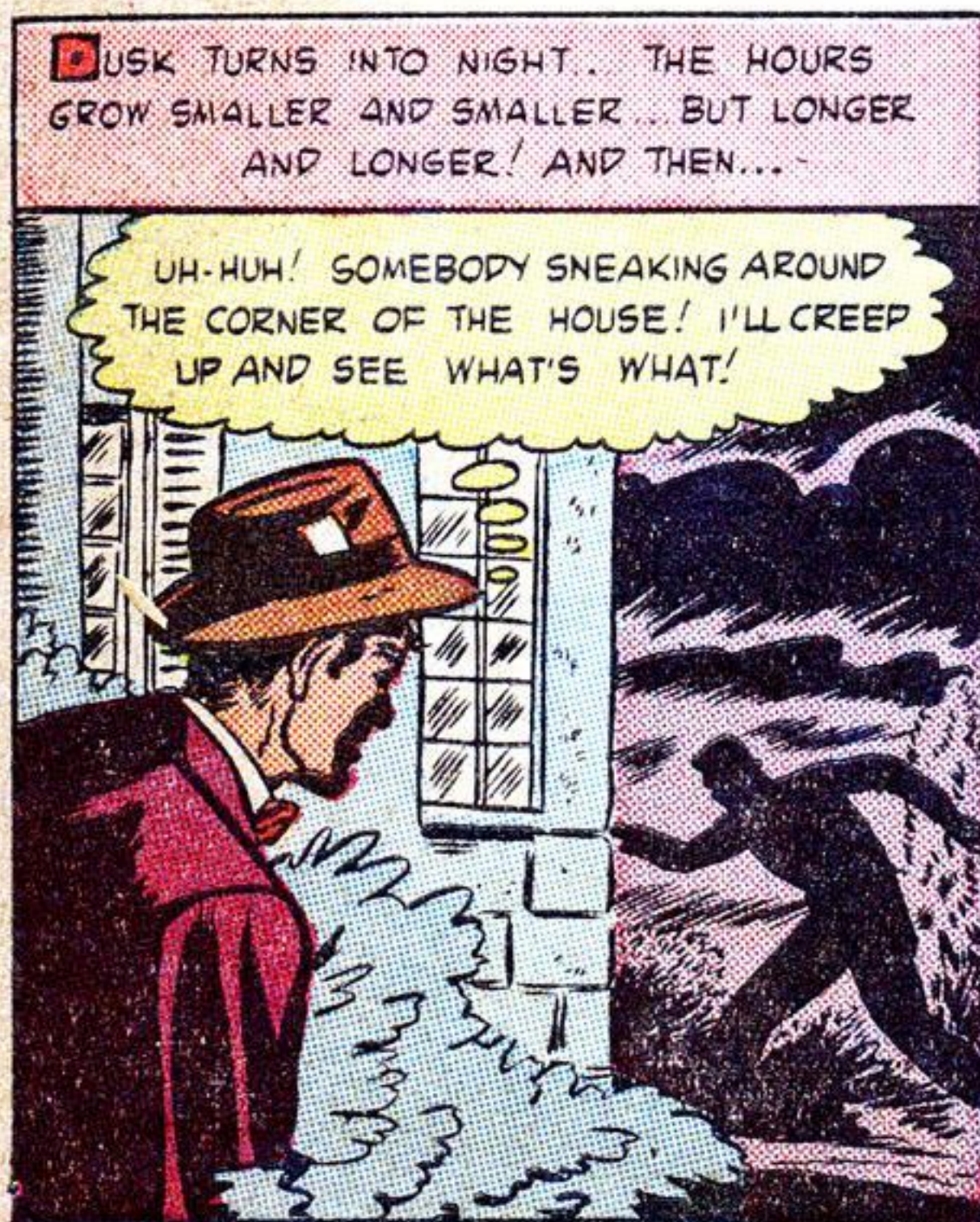
HMM...VERY INTERESTING!



AND WHEN ANN RETURNS TO PICK HIM UP...

... AFTER HEARING THAT, ANN, I'M **STAYING!** THINK OF THE HEADLINES -- "JOHN X. EVERETT SAVED BY ACE CRIME PHOTOGRAPHER!"

NO, CASEY! "SAP GETS RIDDLED BY CROSSFIRE OF MISER'S ENEMIES!" JUST DON'T CATCH COLD! 'BYE!



DUSK TURNS INTO NIGHT... THE HOURS GROW SMALLER AND SMALLER... BUT LONGER AND LONGER! AND THEN...

UH-HUH! SOMEBODY SNEAKING AROUND THE CORNER OF THE HOUSE! I'LL CREEP UP AND SEE WHAT'S WHAT!



GOOD THING I DIDN'T LET ANN TALK ME INTO LEAVING! LOOK WHAT I'D HAVE **MISSED!**





RESENTLY...

FLASH, SWEETIE!
SPEAK TO ME!

PULL YOURSELF
TOGETHER, CASEY!
GET UP OFF THE
GROUND!



I HATE TO USE
AN OLD LINE LIKE
THIS-- BUT WHAT
HAPPENED?

SOMEBODY PUT YOU
TO SLEEP WITH A
BLUNT INSTRUMENT!

DID YOU
GET A
LOOK AT
THE GUY,
CASEY?



I DIDN'T SEE A THING, CAPTAIN
LOGAN! I STUCK MY HEAD AROUND
THE CORNER OF THE HOUSE--AND
WHAMMO! DID I MISS ANYTHING
WHILE I WAS SNOOZING?

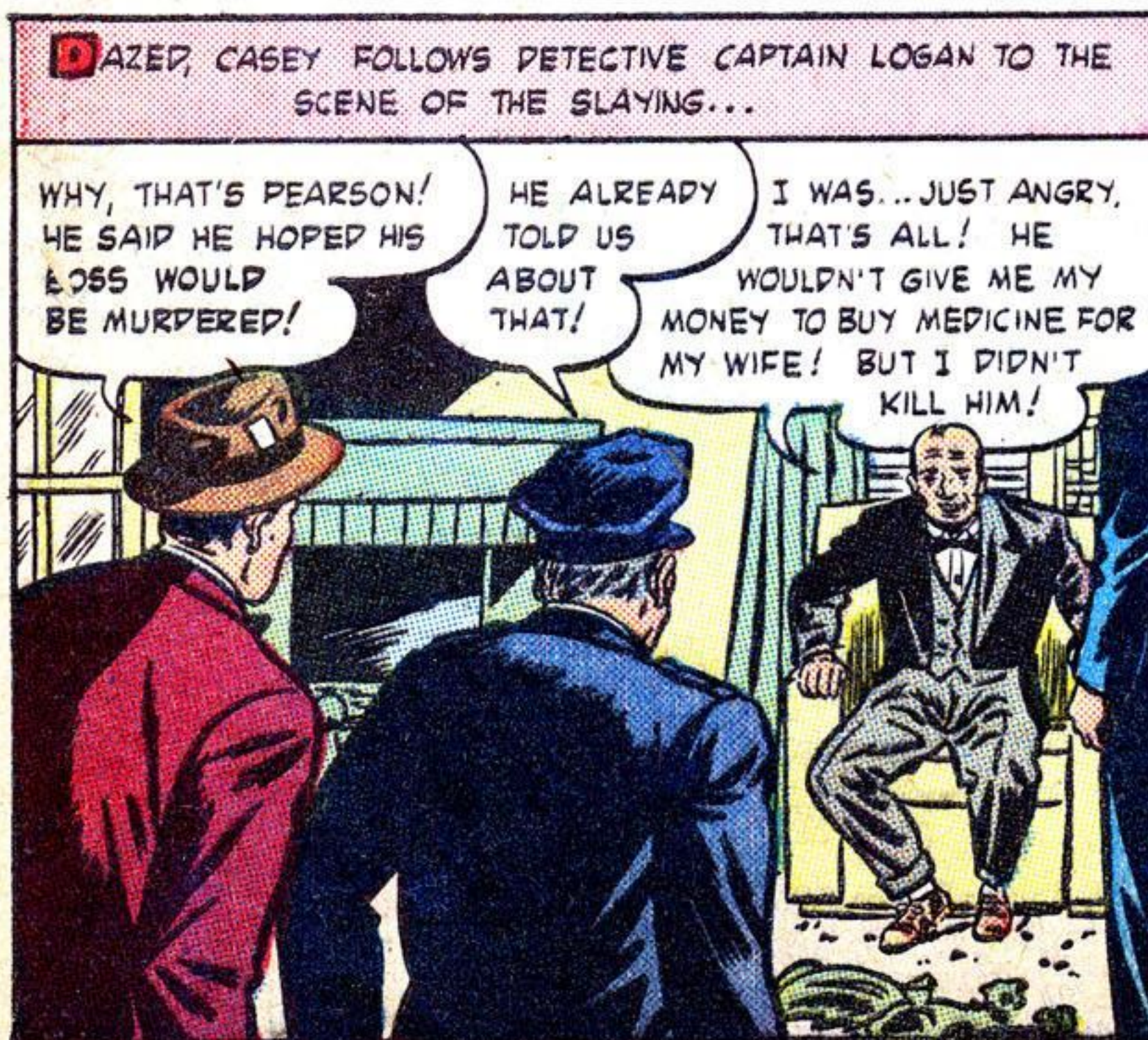
TAKE A LOOK FOR
YOURSELF AT
WHAT'S COMING
OUT OF THE DOOR!



WHO?
WHERE?
WHEN?

JOHN X. EVERETT,
HONEY!
MURDERED!

LAST NIGHT! IN HIS
LIBRARY! SOMEBODY
FORCED HIM TO
OPEN HIS SAFE,
EMPTIED IT, THEN
KILLED HIM!



DAZED, CASEY FOLLOWS DETECTIVE CAPTAIN LOGAN TO THE
SCENE OF THE SLAYING...

WHY, THAT'S PEARSON!
HE SAID HE HOPED HIS
BOSS WOULD
BE MURDERED!

HE ALREADY
TOLD US
ABOUT
THAT!

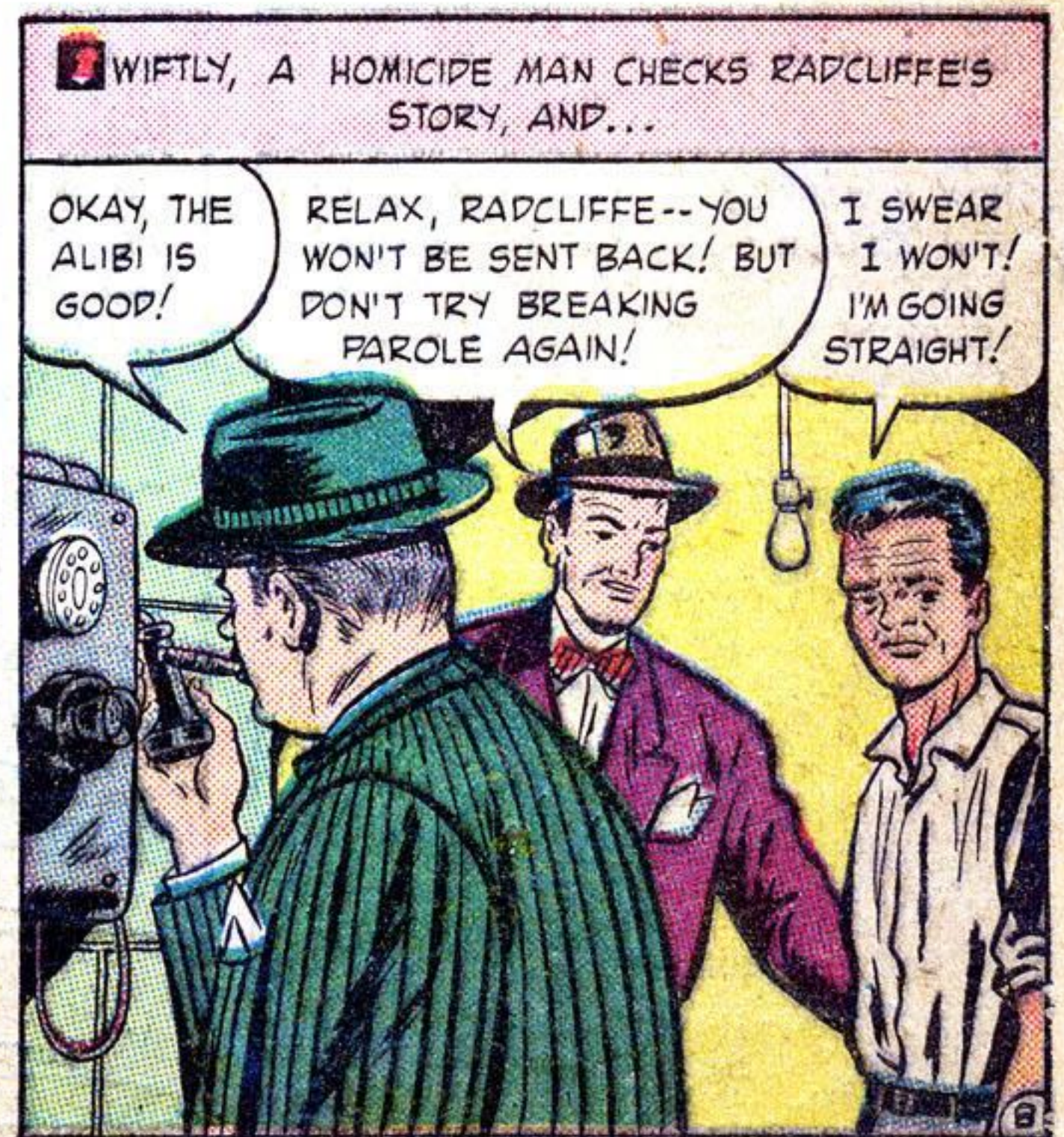
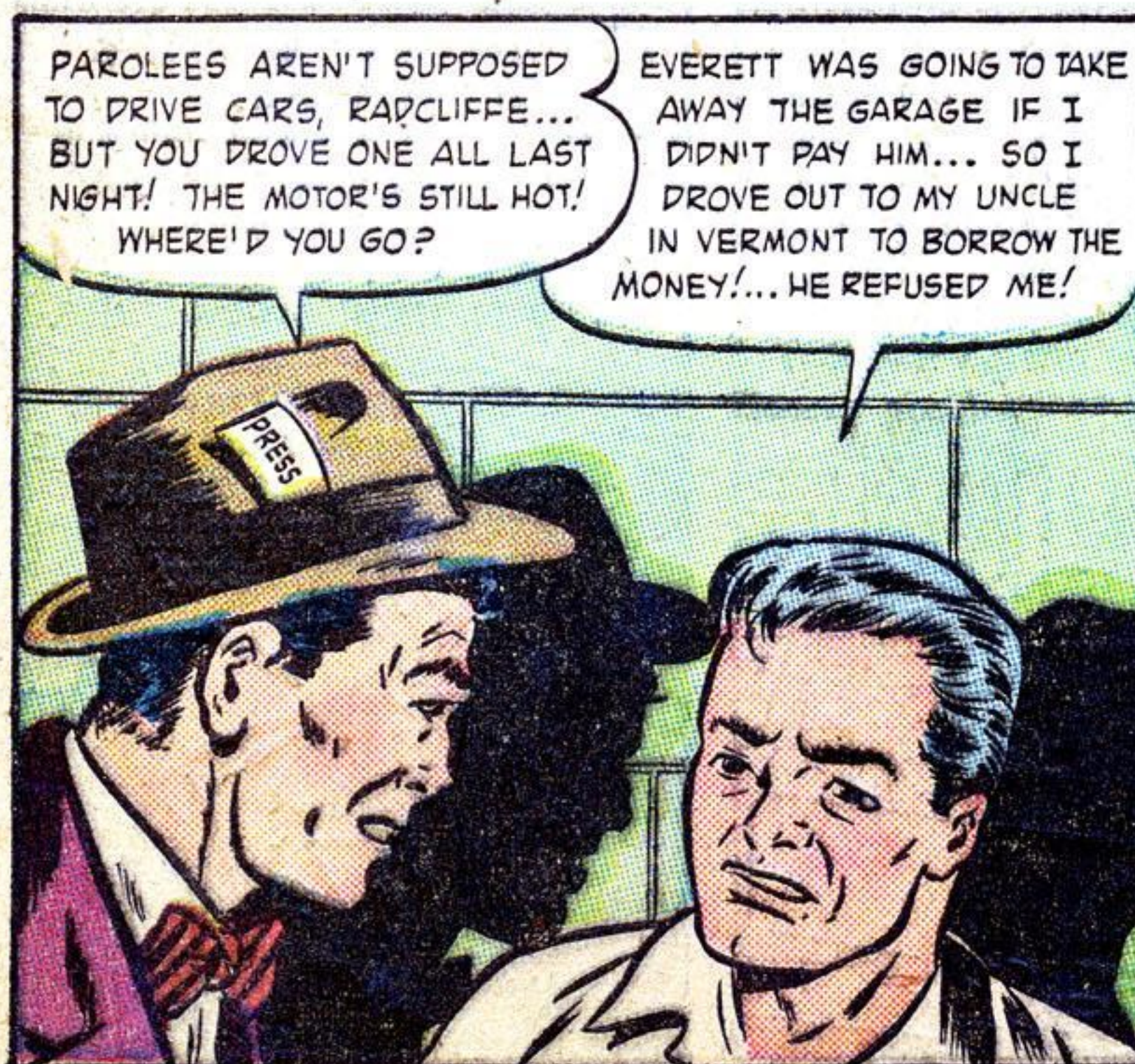
I WAS... JUST ANGRY,
THAT'S ALL! HE
WOULDN'T GIVE ME MY
MONEY TO BUY MEDICINE FOR
MY WIFE! BUT I DIDN'T
KILL HIM!



IS PEARSON
CLEAN,
LOGAN?

ANYBODY WHO KNEW EVERETT IS
A SUSPECT! EVEN HIS OWN SON,
ROBERT, GOT TURNED DOWN ON A LOAN,
PEARSON SAYS! AND A GUY NAMED
RAPCLIFFE THAT EVERETT WAS FORE-
CLOSING ON! I DON'T KNOW HOW
MANY MORE!





LATER, AT A NEARBY DINER...

NICE SLEUTHING, FLASH-- FINDING OUT THAT RADCLIFFE HAD BEEN DRIVING! CAN YOU KEEP IT UP?

THAT LEAVES ONLY PEARSON AND EVERETT'S SON, ROBERT... THAT WE KNOW OF! AND I DON'T THINK... WAIT! THE RADIO...

... MURDER OF JOHN X. EVERETT...



PEARSON, EVERETT'S BUTLER, HAS BEEN CLEARED OF SUSPICION! ROBERT EVERETT, THE MURDERED MAN'S SON, HAS PAID OFF A LARGE GAMBLING DEBT TODAY TO FARO NEVINS, CAPTAIN LOGAN REPORTS...

UH-HUH! LET'S GO, ANNIE!

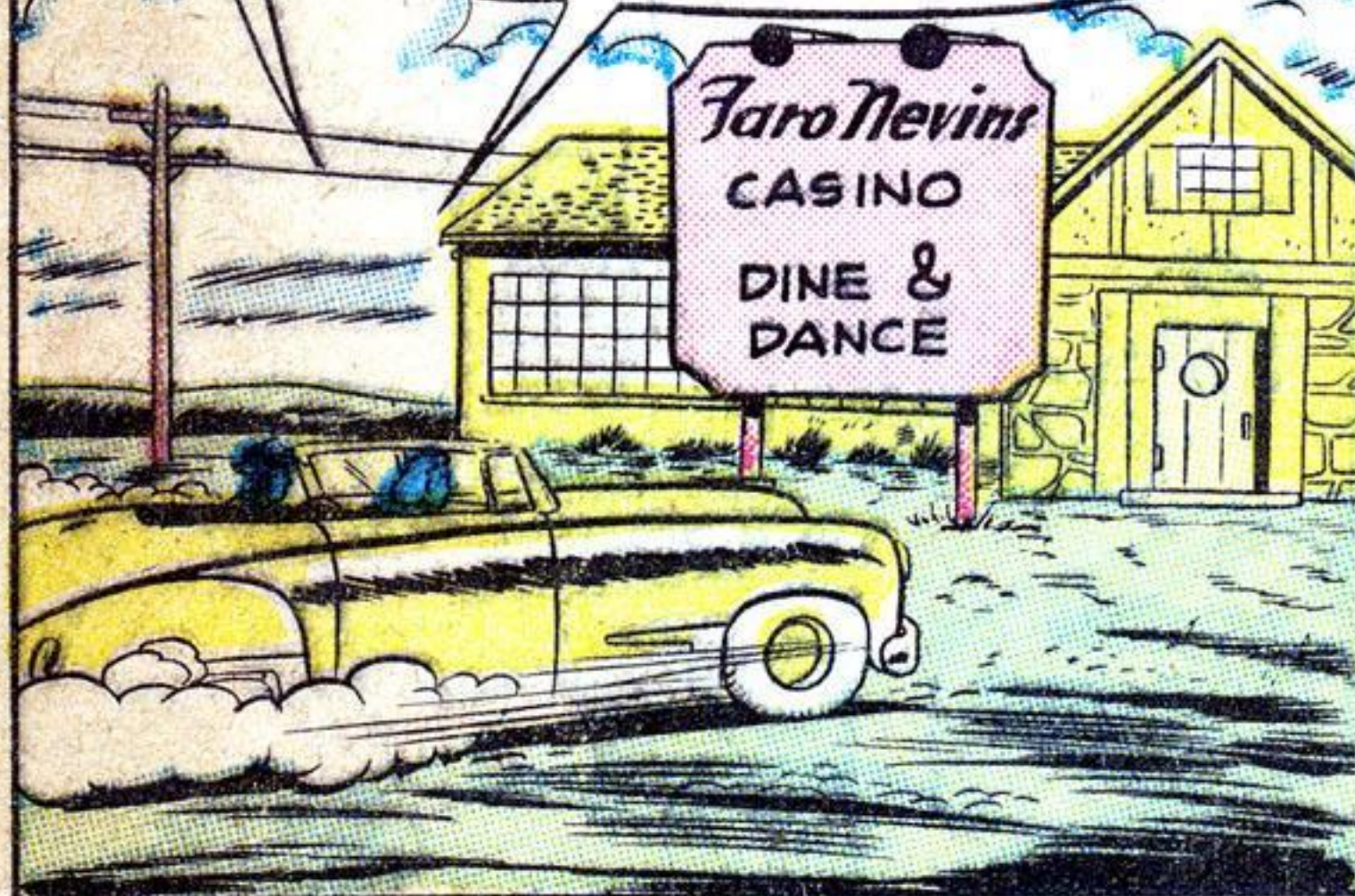


IN A MATTER OF MINUTES...

WHY CAN'T I GO IN WITH YOU, CASEY?

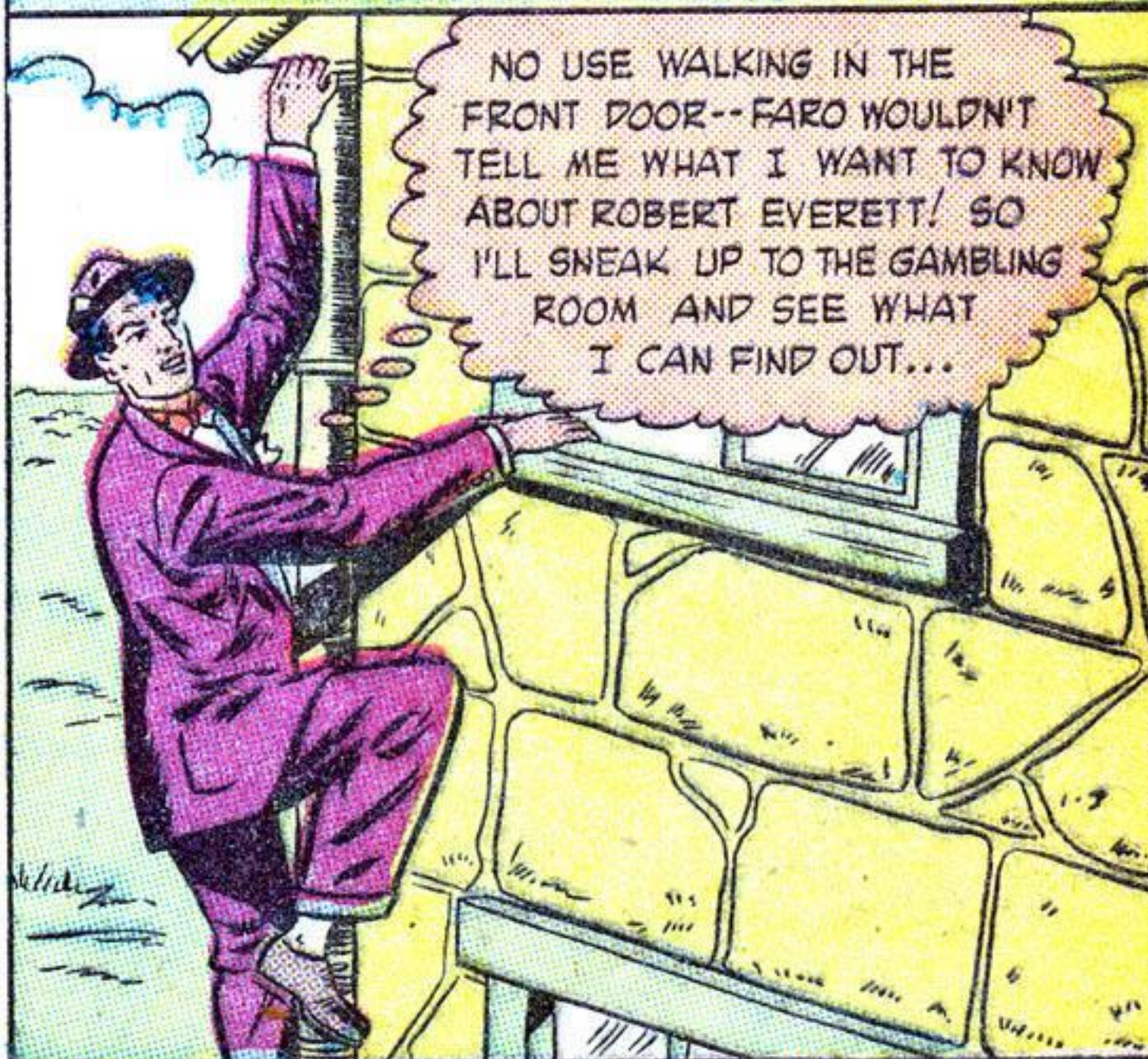
BECAUSE FARO AND HIS THUGS AREN'T ALWAYS POLITE TO LADIES! IF I DON'T COME OUT IN AN HOUR, GET LOGAN--AND AN AMBULANCE! I MAY NEED ONE!

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NO USE WALKING IN THE FRONT DOOR--FARO WOULDN'T TELL ME WHAT I WANT TO KNOW ABOUT ROBERT EVERETT! SO I'LL SNEAK UP TO THE GAMBLING ROOM AND SEE WHAT I CAN FIND OUT...



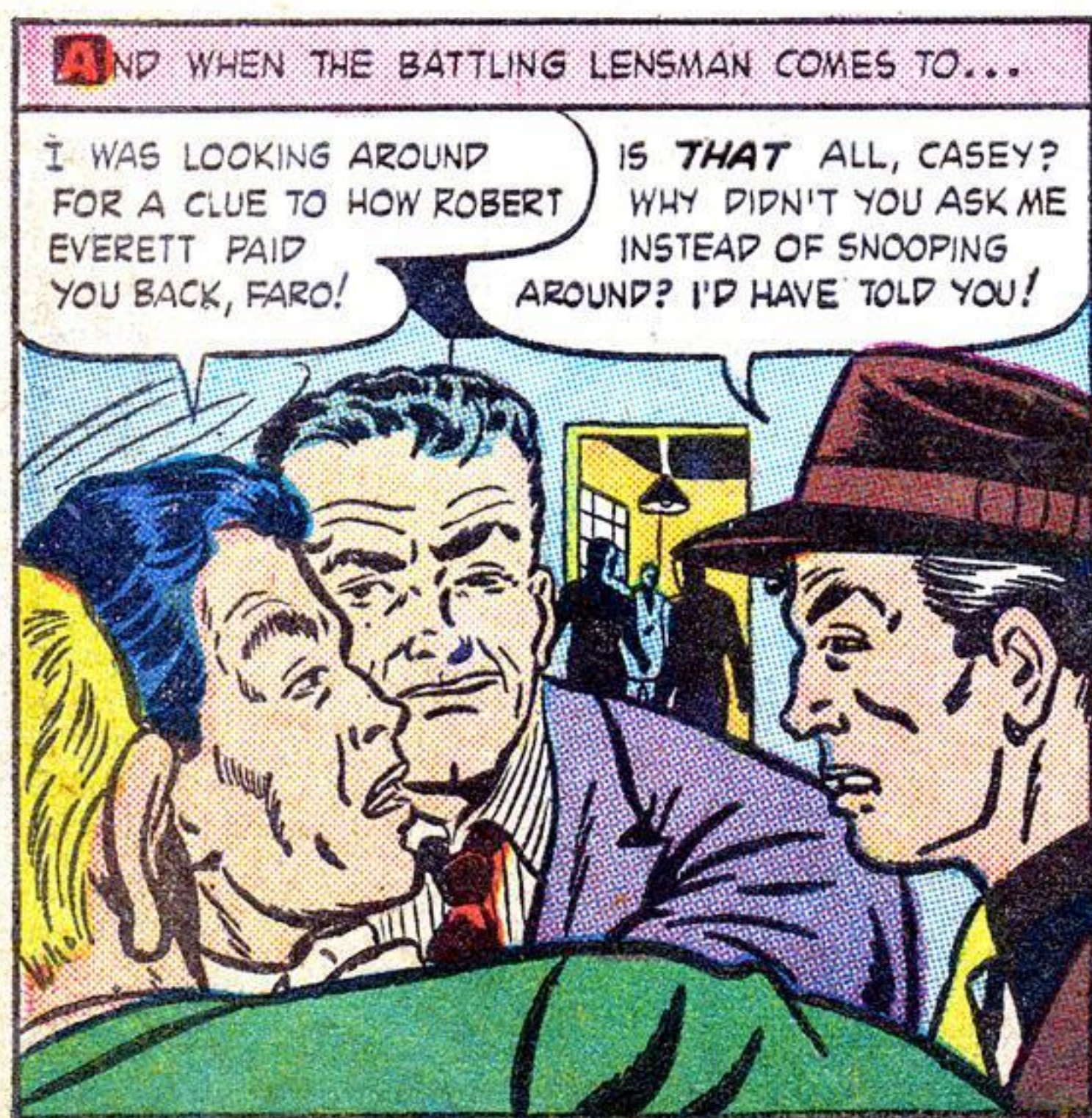
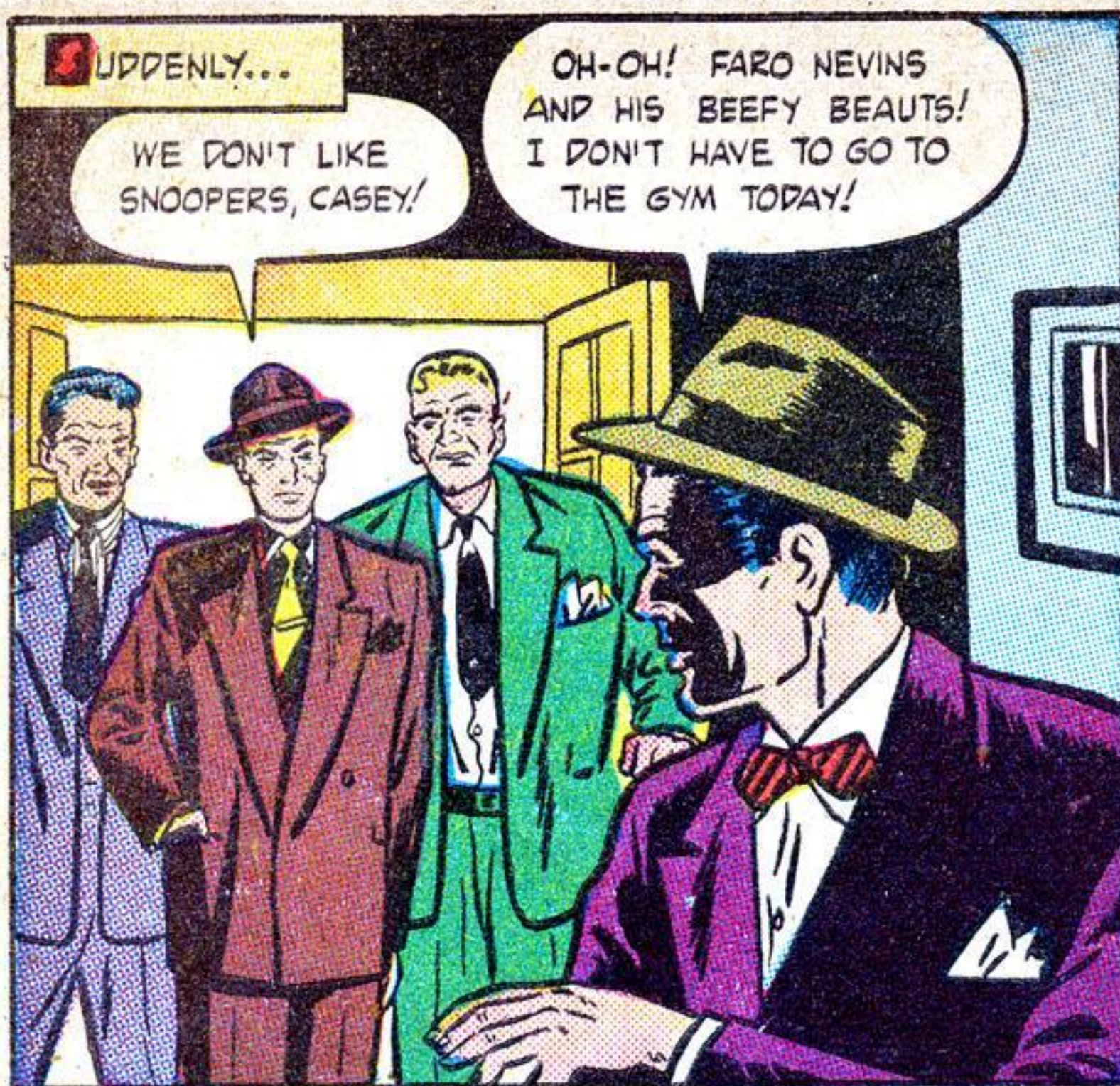
I BETTER TELL FARO WE GOT COMPANY! FLASHGUN CASEY IN PERSON!

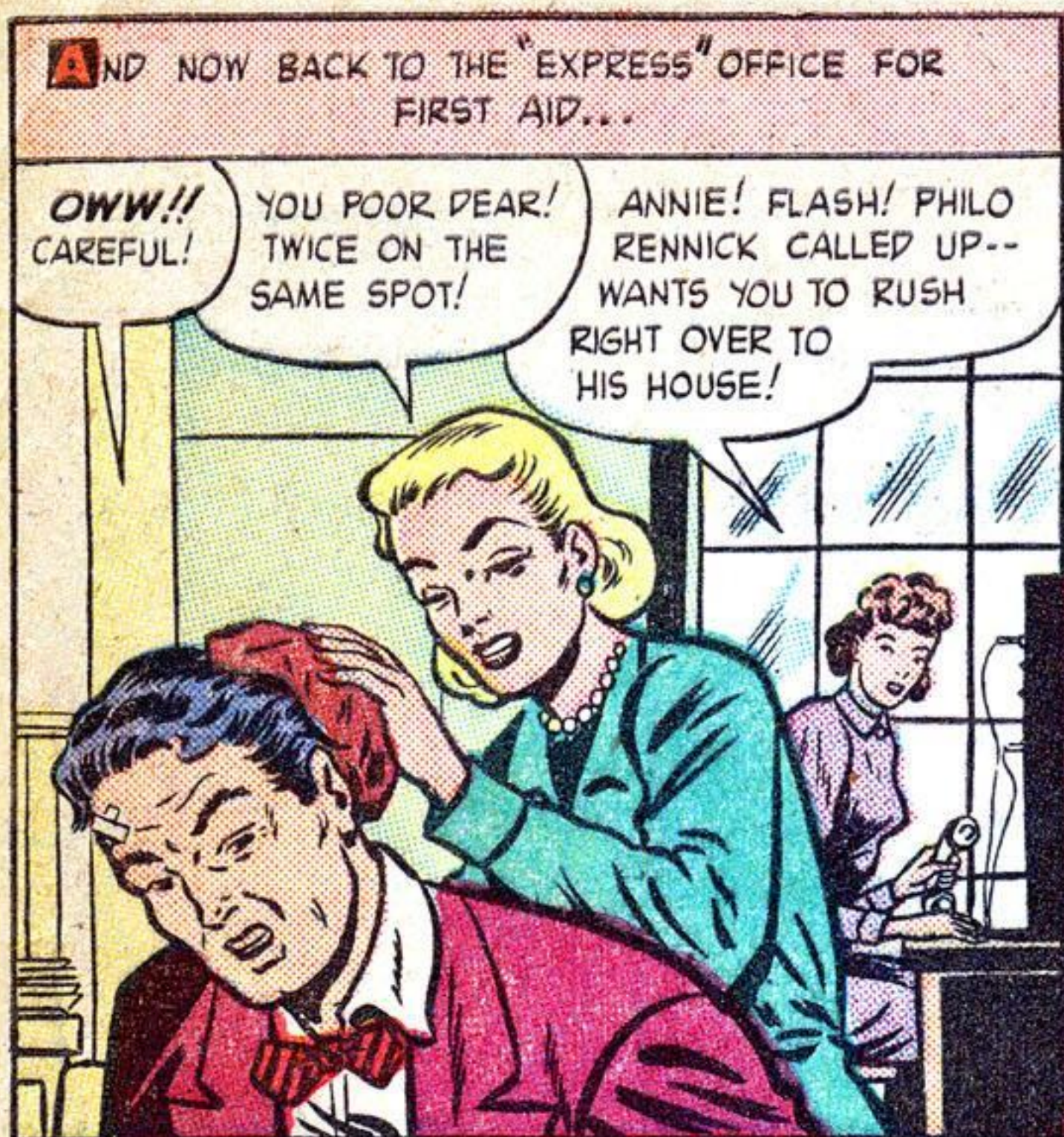


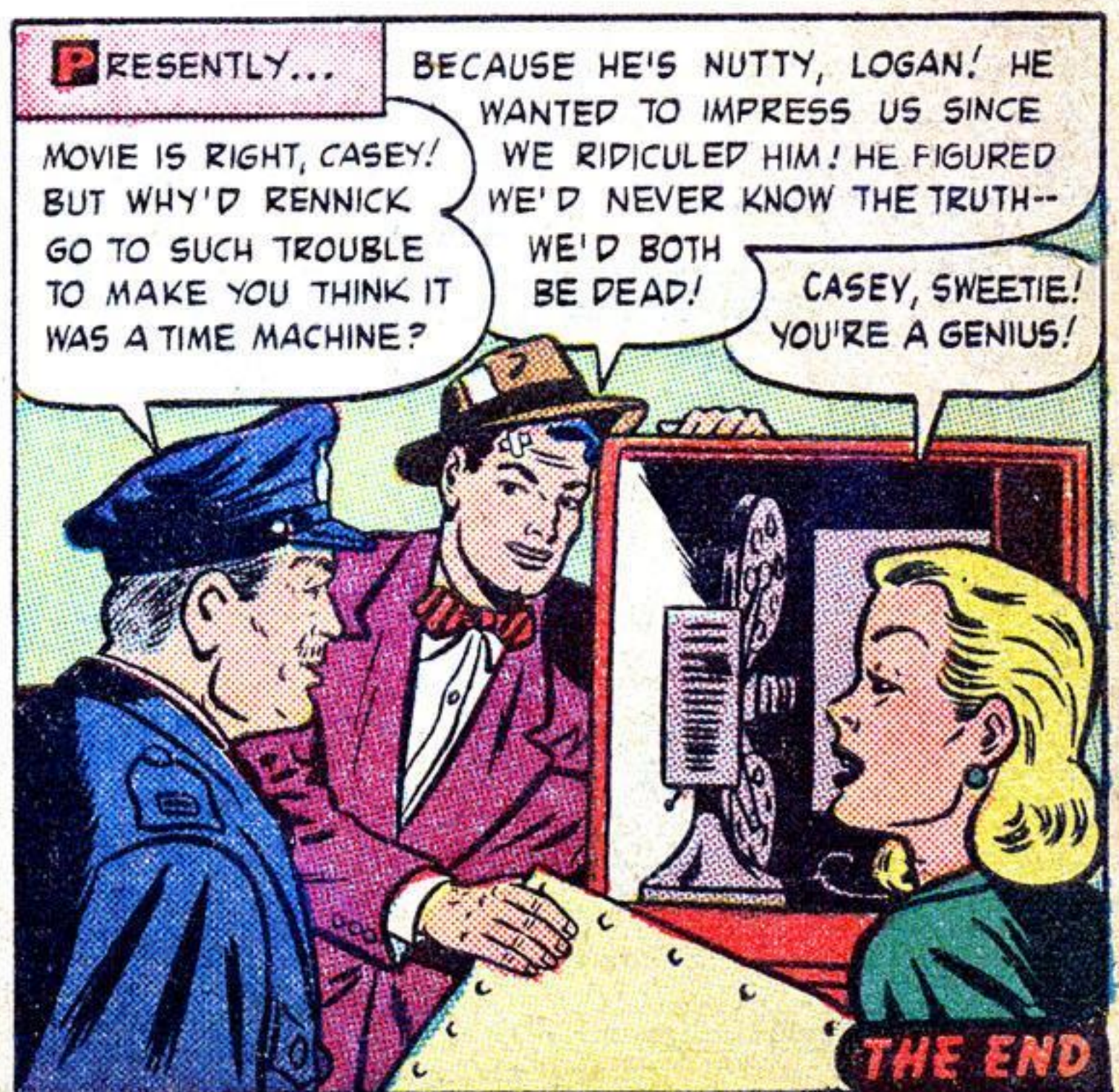
BLISSFULLY SURE HE HAS BEEN UNOBSERVED, CASEY SWIFTLY GOES THROUGH THE GAMBLER'S RECORDS...

ALL I WANT TO KNOW IS WHERE ROBERT EVERETT GOT THE MONEY TO PAY BACK FARO NEVINS! HMMM... HERE'S HIS FILE... BUT ONLY I.O.U.'S STAMPED **PAID!**









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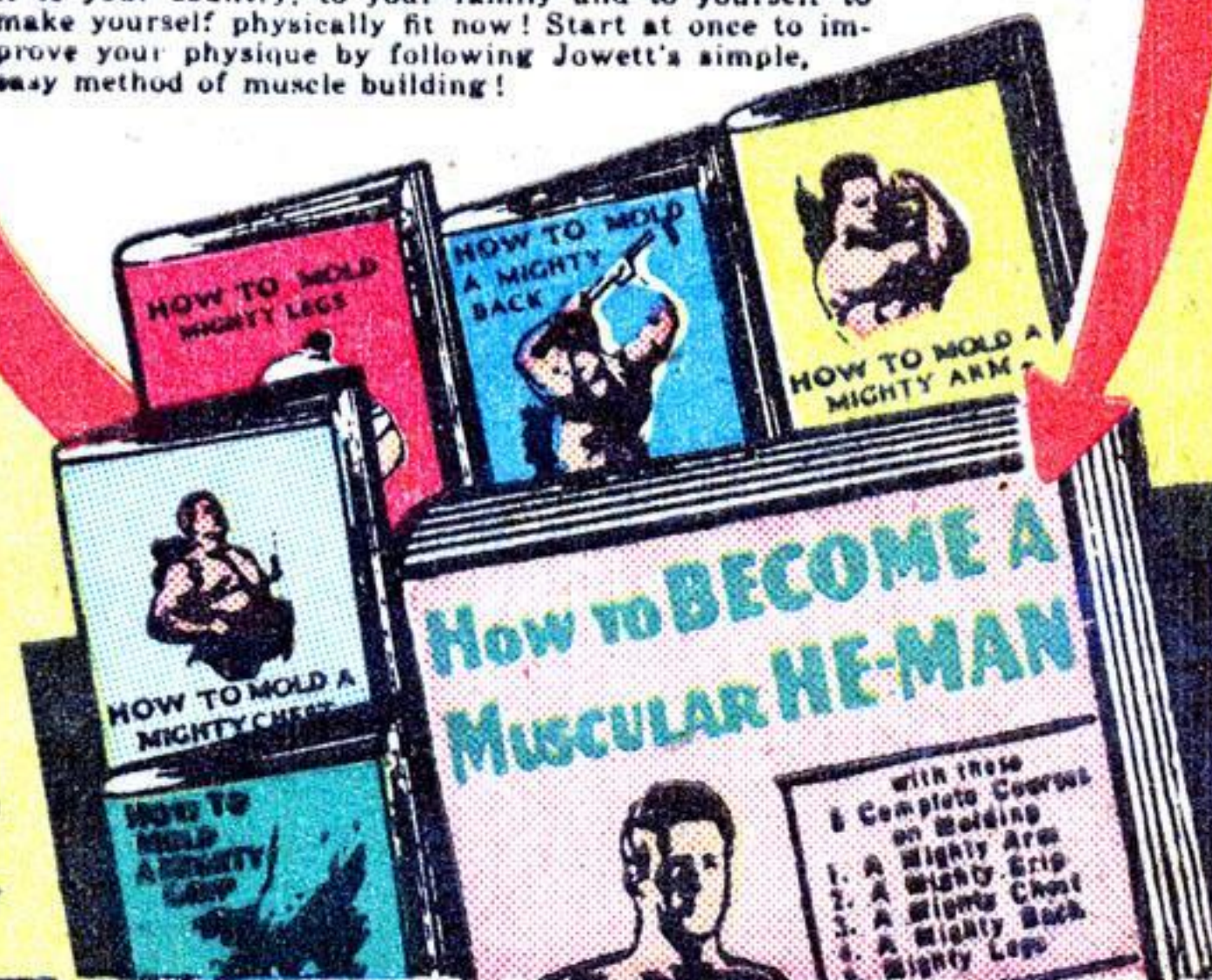
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